

# Primes



1954

















# the 1954 chimes

ST. VINCENT PREPARATORY SCHOOL

LATROBE, PENNSYLVANIA



To "French"  
One of my freshmen  
friends. I hope you  
like the Amer. girls  
as much as I like  
French. Love  
Nook





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# chimes

No Grandie, back to  
the best of you  
you in the best of you  
school years. I hope you  
make the first ball team the  
next three years  
Bill O'Neale

*This is our year . . .*







# This is the Story of our School Year . . .

In many respects, life is like a story, and in this twenty-first volume of the *Chimes*, we, the Class of 1954, have recorded the story of our year. And yet it is more than the story of our year, because for the past four years we have lived in the atmosphere of a Benedictine family. The priests who taught us and played with us and gave us freely of their lives have made us feel that we were a part of that family. Life at St. Vincent Prep is not so much attendance at an educational institution, but rather an experience in Christian community living. During these years, then, we have been given the opportunity to develop intellectually, spiritually, socially, and physically. This is the story we have tried to tell in the pages that follow.



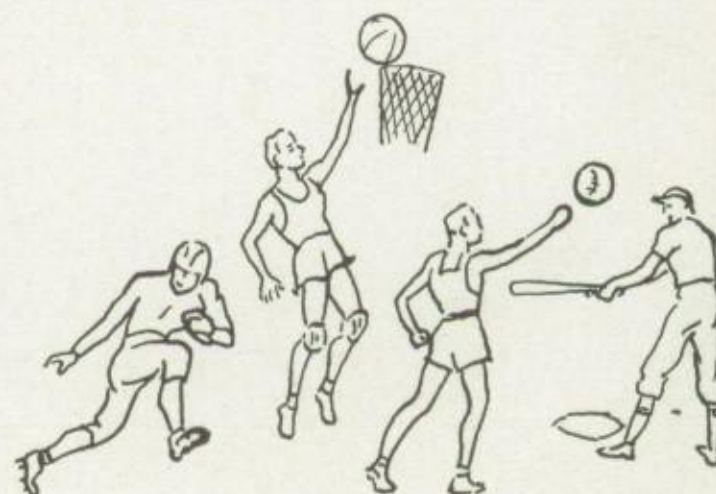
FACULTY AND STUDENTS



SPIRITUAL GROWTH



SOCIAL LIFE



ATHLETICS





*Lots of spirit!  
Mr. Permia Oct. 3.*

**we honor . . .**

We honor . . . a man whose driving spirit and energy directed all our efforts toward better character development.



## *We respect him as priest, teacher, and friend*

### FATHER PIRMIN MEIER, O.S.B.

It is with tribute and appreciation that we, the Senior Class of 1954, dedicate our yearbook to Father Pirmin, who served as a great inspiration for us. Since we have had Father as a prefect for our junior and senior years, our contact has been a close and friendly one.

The most outstanding characteristics which Father Pirmin showed at all times is that of fairness towards all. It was this quality which he displayed continually whether it was in the classroom or in Placid Hall or on the ball fields that aided us all in whatever goal we were striving for.

Latin and German students found that learning with Father Pirmin and his kind, easy-going manner was not too difficult a task. While all athletic participation was under the supervision of Father as athletic director, he created untiring interest in intramural sports as well as in inter-scholastic activities through the immeasurable experience which he had gained from coaching teams in the Prep.

"Let's go gang" were famous words in disciplinary talks or to struggling athletes. It was that type of spirit that Father displayed that urged us to put forth a little extra effort so that we might become better men.

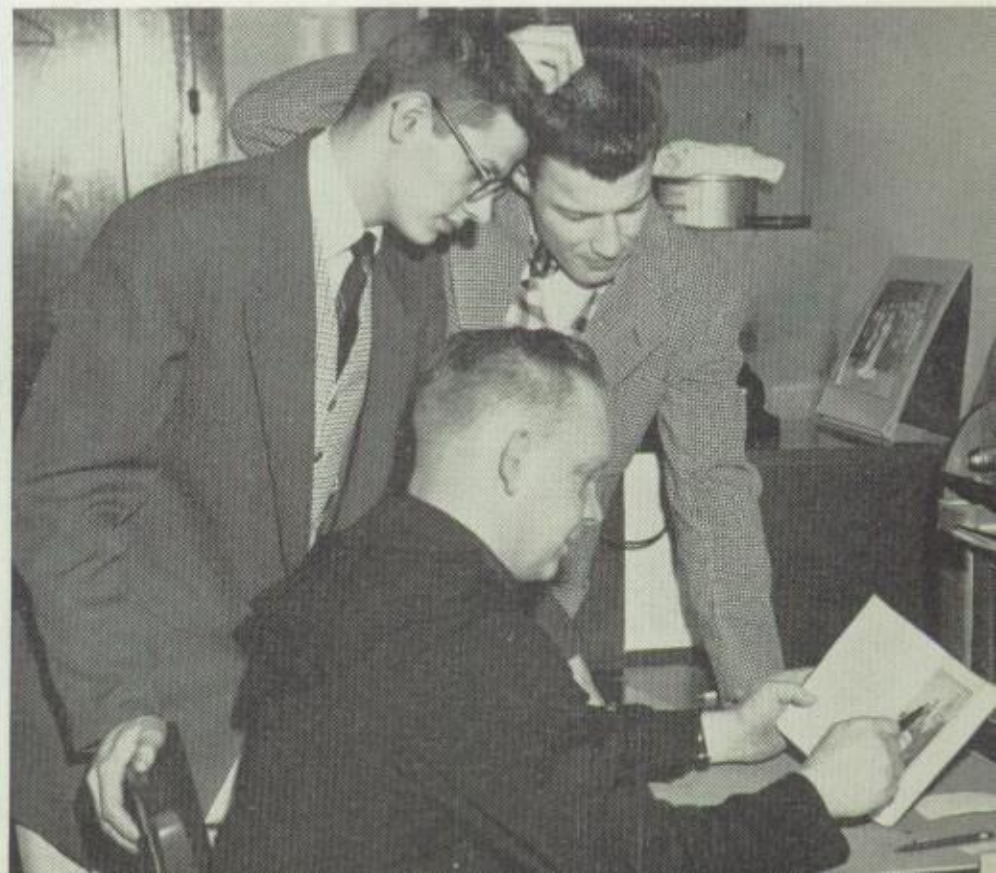
It is a privilege for us seniors to pay tribute to a man whose every day was dedicated to God and to our mental, spiritual, and physical development.

*Remembering a man who was not only a great teacher but also a great friend. He was the best of all. I will never forget his words. He was a great man. I will miss him. But I will never forget him. Bill O'Hara*

James Bauer listens to some of Father Pirmin's record collection.



Father Pirmin gives extra help in German to Jon Wendelken and Ronald Raichle.



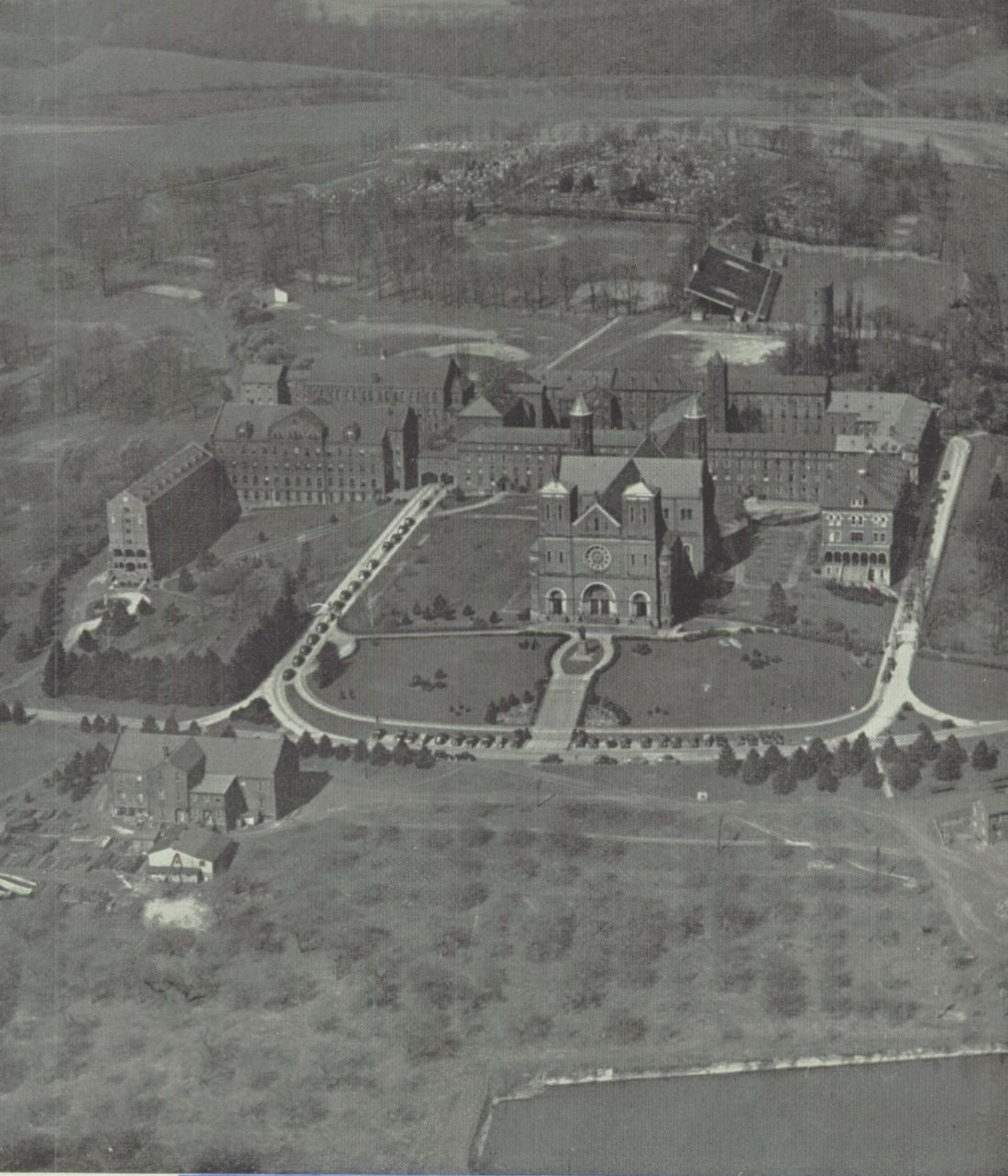


**our campus**

**THE SCENE OF MANY  
HAPPY MEMORIES**









**this is our year...**

**THESE PEOPLE MADE IT**





A SUCCESS

*Best  
wishes in  
your future  
Get the Prep. man  
God to your guide  
always.  
Sally.  
Prep. Sec. '49.*



Sally Gelston, Prep secretary, hands a late slip to Jack O'Brien as Carl DiFulvio and George Valyo look on.

*These are the teachers and fellow students  
Who shared with us a year of  
Benedictine training and growth in mind and body*

## FACULTY AND STUDENTS



# administration

## *Guided our needs and interests to a higher level*

The members of the Class of 1954 have seen the evidence of the quality of leadership displayed by Archabbot Denis O. Strittmatter. They saw the campus of St. Vincent transformed as new playing fields were laid out and new buildings began to arise. But Archabbot Denis has not been concerned merely to improve the physical plant at St. Vincent. He has also continued the age-old traditions of the Benedictine Order by providing us with the best spiritual and educational guidance at his command.

As Headmaster, Father Egbert Donovan, O.S.B., is Father Archabbot's personal representative in the Prep. The quality of his administrative work and the fatherly character of his counselling are reflected in the great respect all the students have for his advice and direction.

This year we had two Assistant Headmasters. We enjoyed the friendly supervision of Father Louis during the first semester, and we received with regret the word that ill health would require his replacement.

Father Warren was appointed to the Assistant Headmastership in January, and he has accomplished the duties of that office with distinction.

Father Venard, as Prefect of Studies, had the responsibility of directing the classroom activities of the school and of providing the necessary remedial work and study guidance, tasks to which he brought no small measure of cordial good humor.

*Wondering? What's that? JYR OSB*

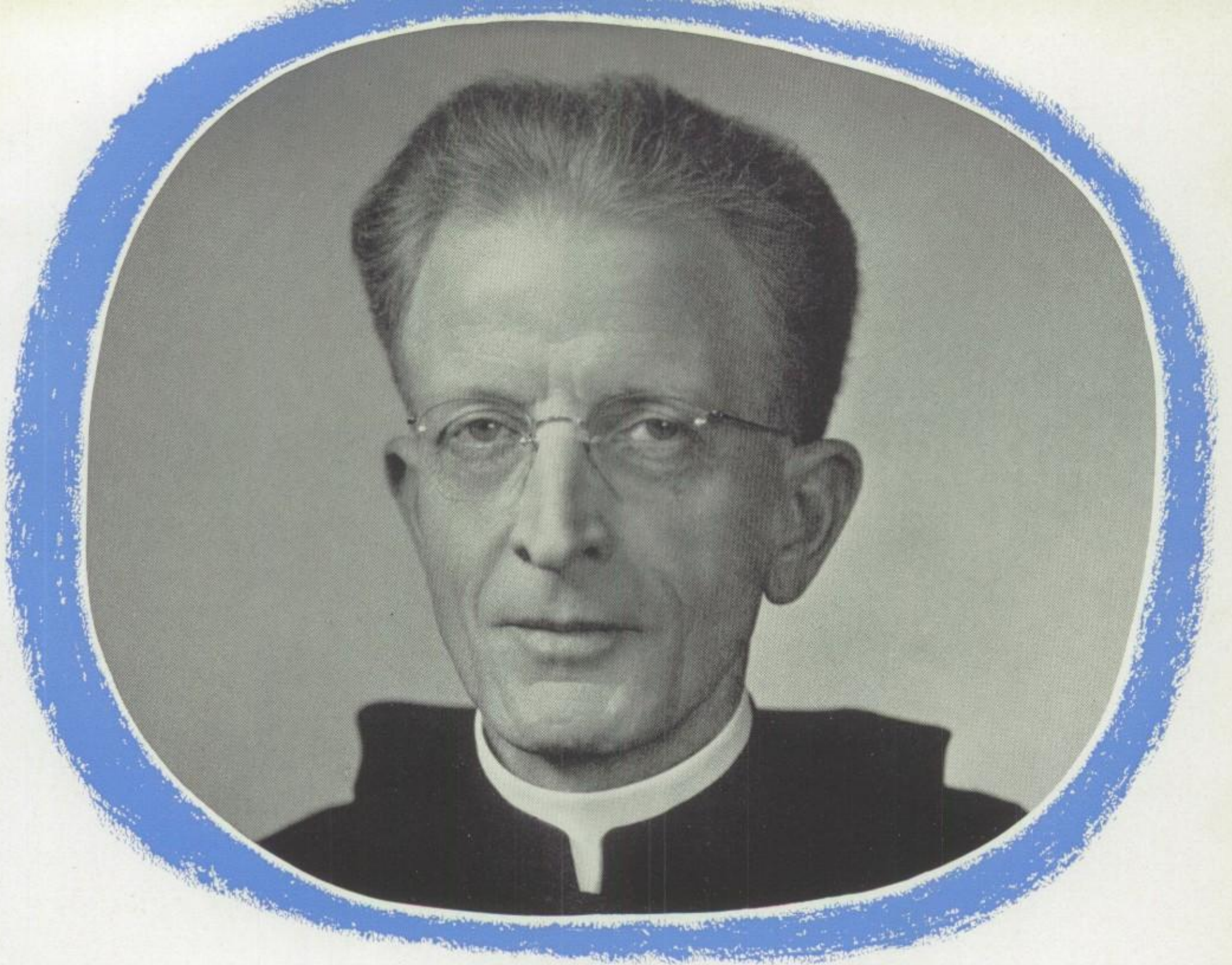


FATHER EGBERT DONOVAN, O.S.B.  
Headmaster

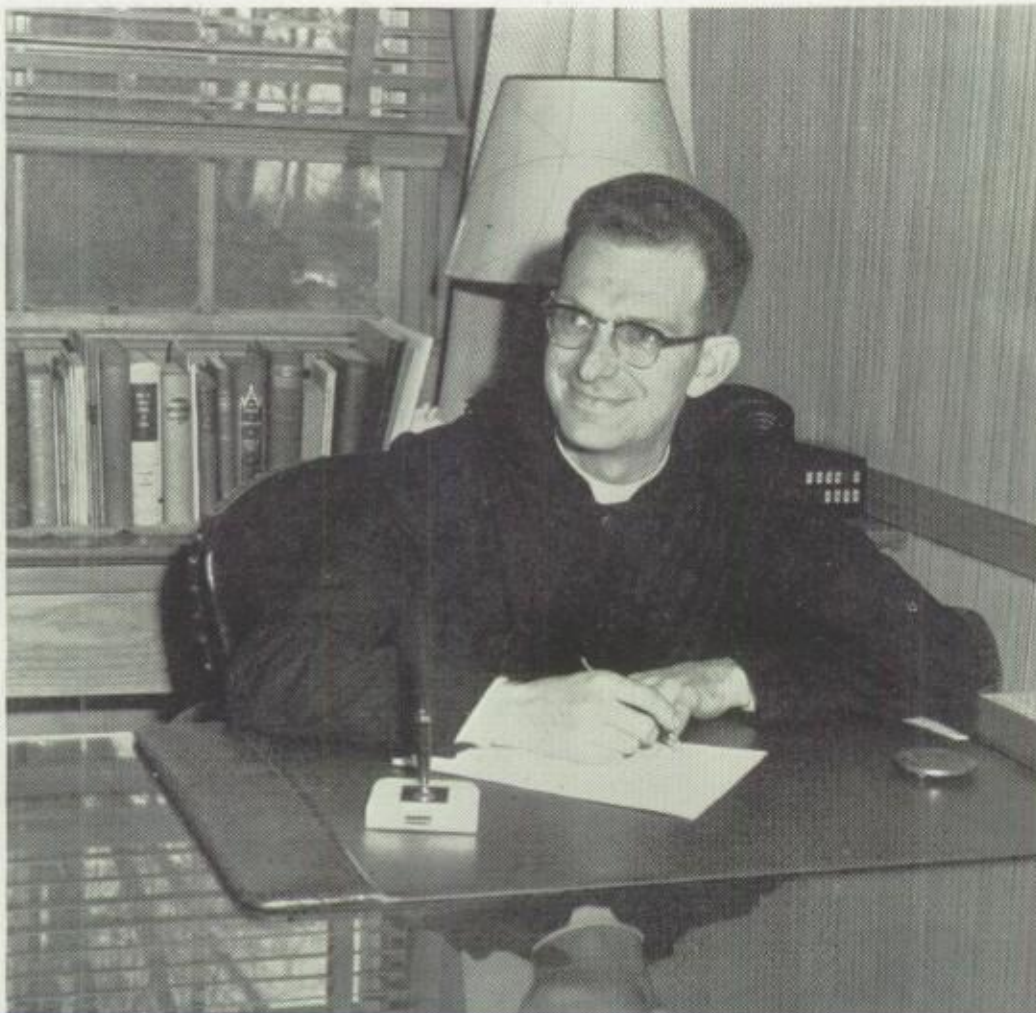


FATHER WARREN RAAB, O.S.B.  
Assistant Headmaster





RIGHT REVEREND DENIS STRITTMATTER, O.S.B., D.D.  
*Archabbot of Saint Vincent*



FATHER LOUIS SEDLACKO, O.S.B.  
*Assistant Headmaster*



FATHER VENARD SPITZER, O.S.B.  
*Prefect of Studies*





Executive Student Councilmen: Joe BenVenuto, Bob Hughes, Don Gliganic, Rick Janci, Al Cipriani and Bill O'Toole.



Terry Kiggins points out Dayhop Student Council plans to Larry Whalen, Walt Labys, Pat Policastro and Joe Tripoli.

## student council

*By leading others we prepared ourselves  
to be leaders of tomorrow*

The Student Council is an organization comprised of representatives of the student body which assists the faculty in the administering of school activities.

Serving as President for the first and second semester respectively were Bill O'Toole and Al Cipriani. They were aided by officers Janci, Gliganic, McConomy, BenVenuto and Hughes.

The largest promotion of the Council was the "Kitty Ball," the annual football dance, which was held at the Greensburg Country Club on November 12, 1953. The entertainment for the evening was provided by Johnny Roberts and his orchestra.

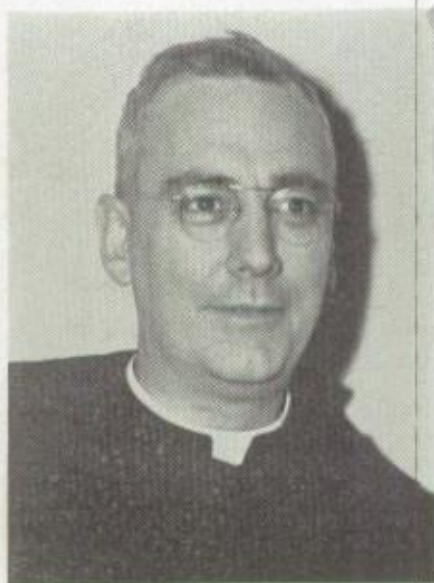
With the assistance of Father Emeric, the Sophomore Student Council decorated the ballroom, while Pat Policastro took care of the selecting of the orchestra.

At the evaluation of the Prep in October all clubs were represented before the visitors under the guidance of the Student Council.

The various class Councils devoted great effort to parties and dances held throughout the year.

It was the project of the Junior and Senior Student Councils to plan their respective proms, which were held in May at Baldoc Country Club and Mountainview Hotel.

Under the direction of advisors, Fathers Egbert and Warren, the members learned many valuable lessons of leadership.



FATHER EGBERT





## faculty

*Through all the years  
our teachers inspired us  
to higher ideals*

Fathers Louis, Omer and Julian check the morning mail.

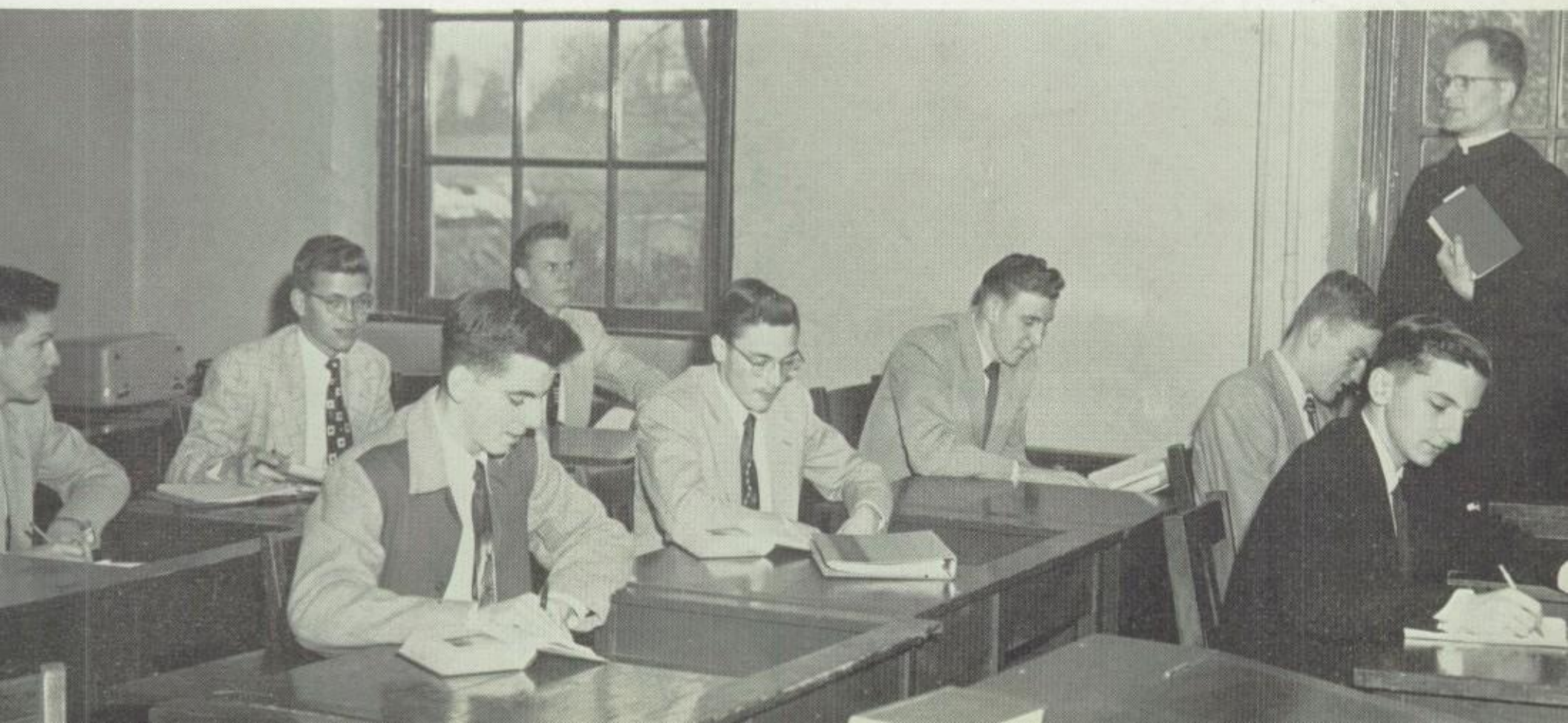
As an educational institution, St. Vincent Prep has always aimed at the promotion and furtherance of academic excellence. Its faculty includes priests and laymen whose educational background includes a wide number of universities. They have aimed to provide the best in secondary education and to produce Christian gentlemen.

In addition to his duties as Headmaster, Father Egbert has also directed the program of religious instruction in the Prep.

As Assistant Headmaster, Father Warren found his time well taken, but he continued to maintain the high standards for which he is well known in his German and Latin classes.

Father Venard provides his sophomore English students with the essentials of English composition and keeps an eye on the

Father Ermin drills the senior Latin class.







Fathers Pirmin, Emeric and Canice enjoy one of the "Journal" cartoons.



*To Frenchie  
With best wishes  
F. Laber*

Mr. Laber and Mr. Ewing admire one of the Prep sport trophies.



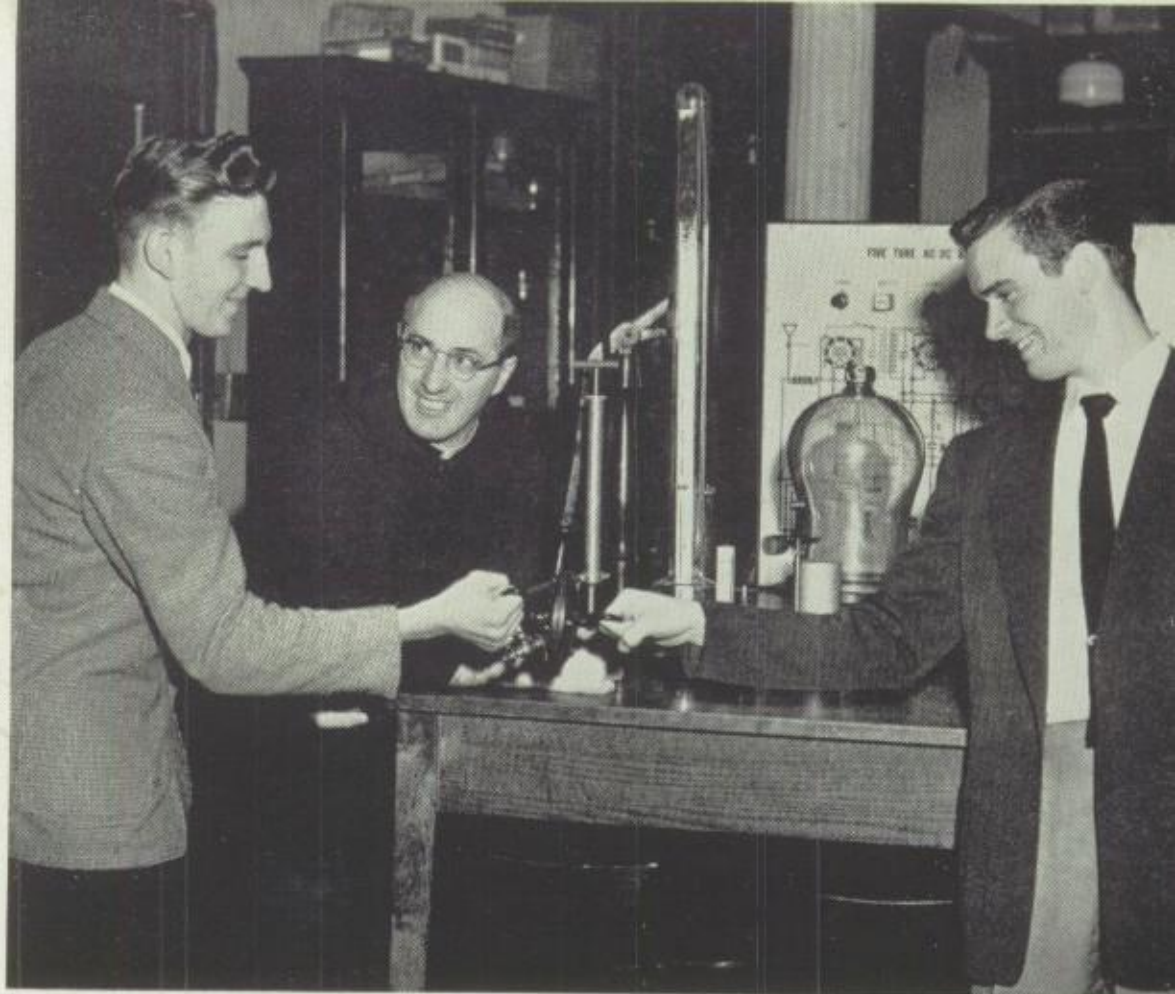
Father Ulric says "It's the units that count" to Fathers Callistus and Wilfred.

## faculty

*They were always willing to lend a helping hand*



*We benefited  
from their encouragement*

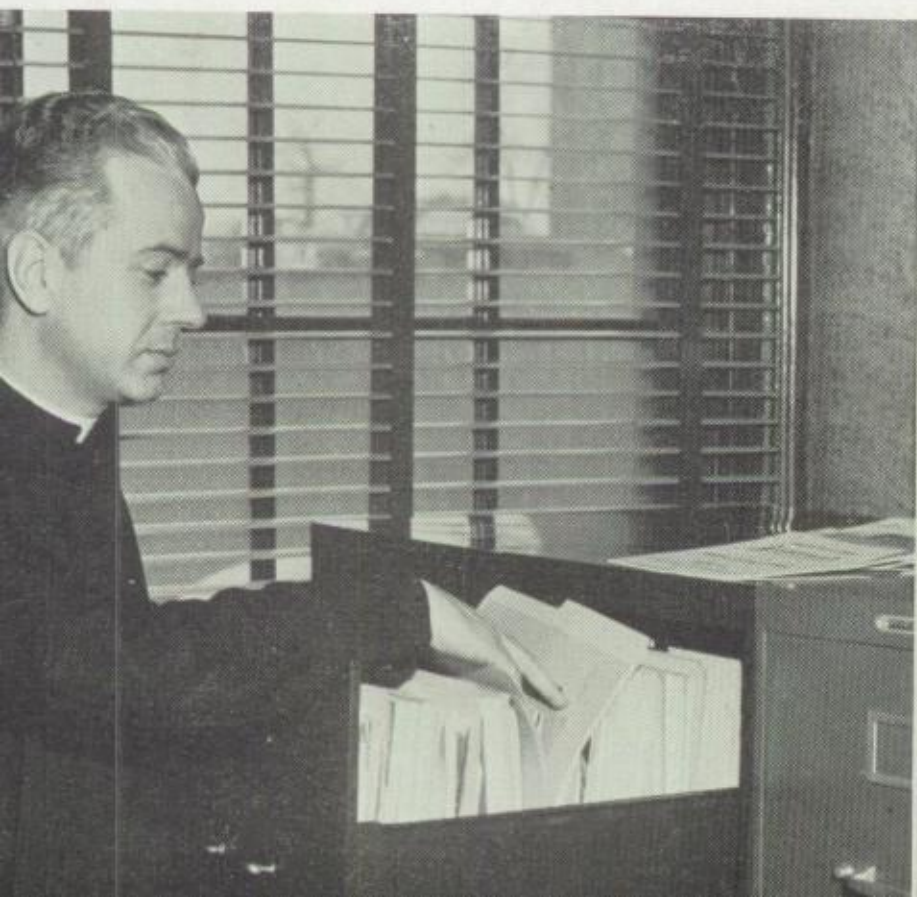


Father Ulric shows the power of air pressure to Ted Valentovich and Dave McShane.

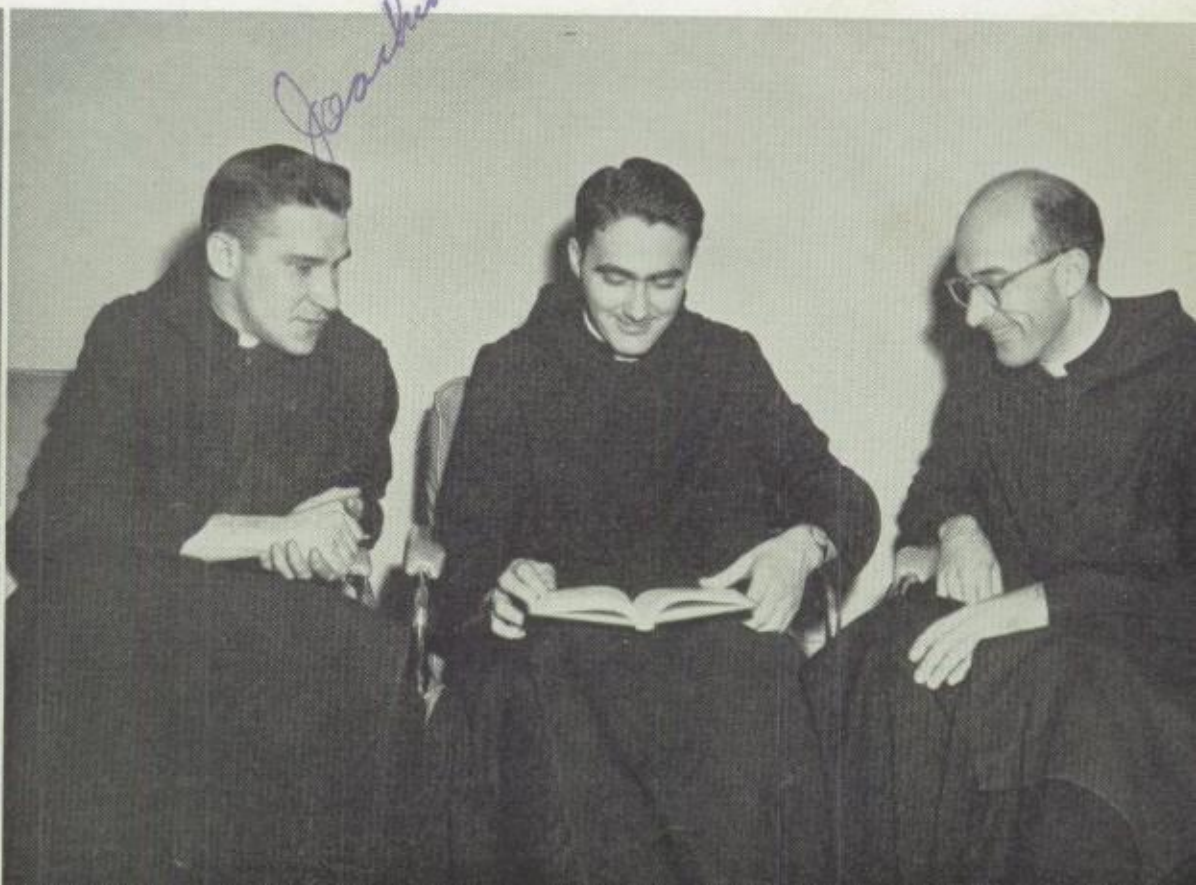
Prep academic scene as Prefect of Studies. In addition to his duties as Chaplain, Father Canice also teaches religion and civics. Father Louis heads the science department and teaches chemistry and algebra. Undertaking the duties of head of the English department and the directing of school publications, Father Christopher replaced Father Aelred, who was transferred to the College faculty as Dean.

German and Latin came easily to the students of Father Pirmin, and Father Aidan, Director of the Scholasticate, also served as instructor in Latin. French grammar and conversation were Father Julian's forte, but he was equally at ease in the laboratory where he was instructor in biology. An ardent teacher of American History is Father Omer, and his descriptions of the battles of the Civil War seem to his students to be the result of first-hand observation. Economics, modern history, and geogra-

Father Fintan, Prep librarian, checks the files.



Father Noel proves his point to Fathers Joachim and Bosco.





# faculty

*They gave of themselves unselfishly and strove  
to bring out the best in us*

*Fr. Al Dunstan*

*Top*—Father Venard and Mr. Rafferty in discussion during a free period.

*Bottom*—Father Ermin checks index cards while Fathers Daniel and Jerome observe.

*Top*—Fathers Dunstan and Briant look over student's records in file cases.

*Bottom*—Father Christopher enjoys some of Father Ralph's quick wit.







Father Egbert lectures to the senior religion class.

phy were Father Marcellus' subjects, and his students were always abreast of contemporary affairs.

Father Dunstan and Father Briant teach freshman and junior English respectively, and bring to their classes patience and good humor. The mysteries of solid geometry and trigonometry vanish under the capable tutelage of Father Jerome, and physics and algebra are in the experienced hands of Father Ulric. Father Emeric teaches effectively the unusual combination of business arithmetic, algebra, and art.

Father Wilfred is the Prep's genial teacher of algebra and physics, and Mr. Rafferty, head football and basketball coach, also teaches geometry, general science, and chemistry.

New instructors on the faculty this year were the following: Mr. Ewing, who taught health and physical education; Mr.





Doctors Walter Berberich, S. W. Nealon and G. F. Nealon making a weekly check of the Prep Infirmary.

## faculty

*They guided our development and prepared us for the future*

Laber, who gave private lessons in music and taught the music appreciation course; Father Callistus, instructor in geometry; and Fathers Joachim, Daniel, Noel, and Bosco, who brought fresh zeal to the religion classes.

Prep business affairs were in the capable hands of Fathers David, Frederick and Arnold, while Father Conall headed the maintenance program, and Father Edgar served as supervisor of the dining rooms.

The Library provided friendly service under the direction of Father Fintan and Miss Ruth Wilhelm.

Medical attention and advice were provided by the school infirmary staff, Dr. S. W. Nealon, Dr. G. F. Nealon, and Dr. Walter Berberich, and resident nurses Emil Ewanist and Stanley Huysak.



Father Arnold, treasurer, meets on business matters with maintenance director, Father Conall.



pare to take care of ailing preppers.  
Emil Ewanist and Stan Huysak, Prep nurses, pre-





FATHER PIRMIN

FATHER CHRISTOPHER



*Lots of Luck to  
a small little  
frenchman*

FREDERICK ALLWEIN

*Lebanon, Pa.*

Fred, a four-year man, spent much time in Glee Club and forensic activities and plans to enter St. Vincent College.

JOHN ALWINE

*Greensburg, Pa.*

Though he spent only one year at the Prep, John made many friends through his easy-going manner.

JAMES BAUER

*Pittsburgh, Pa.*

His good humor and generosity made Jim a favorite companion. He was outstanding in intramural basketball.



## The 1954 Seniors...

FREDERICK ALLWEIN

JOHN ALWINE

JAMES BAUER

### Officers

Placid Hall Student Councilmen: Bob Hughes, Al Cipriani, Paul Larkin, Dave Papert, Joe Benvenuto, Bill O'Toole, Don Gliganic, and Rick Janci.





# the 1954 seniors

*Here are the young men with whom  
we studied, played, and prayed*

JOHN BELL *Wheeling, W. Va.*

John's quiet and friendly ways made him a favorite of the class. A steady worker, he is sure to succeed.

JOSEPH BENVENUTO *Pittsburgh, Pa.*

"Noodie" was best known for his comic dance interpretations. He plans to enter St. Vincent College in the fall.

MICHAEL BROWN *Latrobe, Pa.*

Mickey never had much to say, but he excelled at dry humor. His favorite pastime was riding in Waggle's car.

GEORGE BULLION *Pittsburgh, Pa.*

When he wasn't rounding up players for the intramural leagues, George spent much of his free-time re-arranging his room.

JOSEPH CALDERONE *Edgeworth, Pa.*

Prank-playing was Joe's sideline, and he made the Honor Roll regularly. He plans to study medicine.

ALPHONSE CIPRIANI *Dormont, Pa.*

As president of the Student Council and editor of the *Chimes*, "Cip" was the leader of the class. He hopes to be a doctor.

Doing research work on their investigative themes are Dave Collins, Joe Calderone and Dick Sanzi.

John Planinshek, Chuck Plasmier and George Fong prepare a snack in the hot plate room.





*Frenchie, a  
lot of luck to  
well guy.  
John*

JOHN BELL  
JOSEPH BEN VENUTO  
MICHAEL BROWN  
GEORGE BULLION

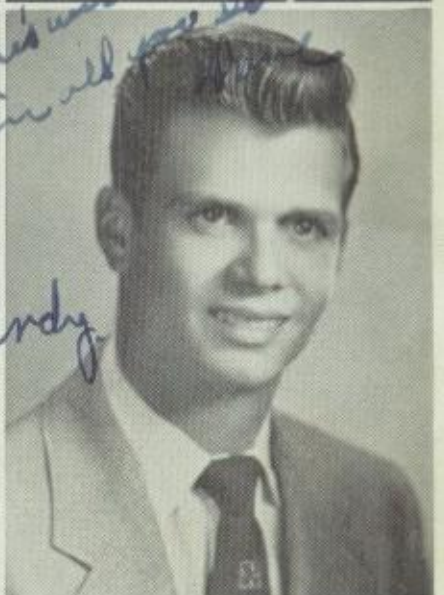


*And Bless of  
Frenchie. Keep up  
the good work. Lots  
of luck in the future.*

*Travis Bell*

*Frenchie,  
good kid with  
lot of spunk.  
Good luck.  
Joe*

JOSEPH CALDERONE  
ALPHONSE CIPRIANI  
EUGENE CITRONE  
DAVID CONNOLLY



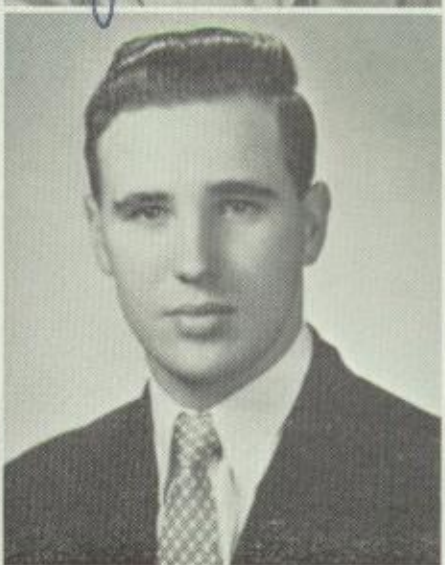
*Frenchie  
To a good one  
helped  
Cl*

*He's a  
in all*

*The Best of Luck Andy  
Eugene Citrone*

*Best wishes,  
to  
George*

GEORGE FONG  
JOHN GAVIN  
DONALD GLIGANIC  
FRANCIS GOLIER



*Frenchie,  
Best luck to a amicable  
boy & lots of luck in the future  
John Gavin*

EUGENE CITRONE Latrobe, Pa.  
Gene divided his time between his studies and sports. He plans to study engineering at St. Vincent College.

JOHN GAVIN Olean, N. Y.  
A cheerful disposition won John many good friends. He will enter St. Bonaventure College in the fall.

DAVID CONNOLLY Allison Park, Pa.  
Dave's hardy spirit on the gridiron and in the classroom will carry him far. He was a capable Chimes business manager.

DONALD GLIGANIC Wall, Pa.  
School work and social activities kept Don busy at all times. Engineering is his goal.

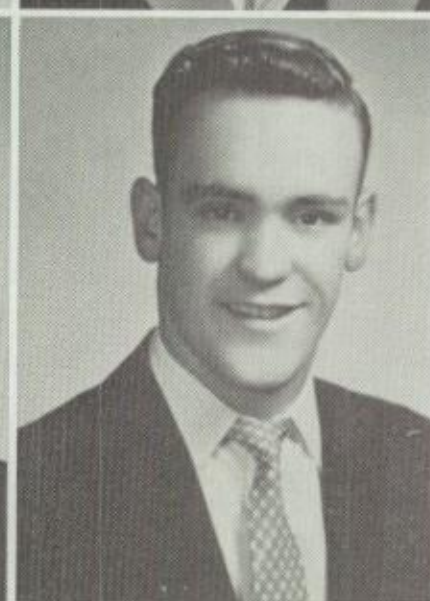
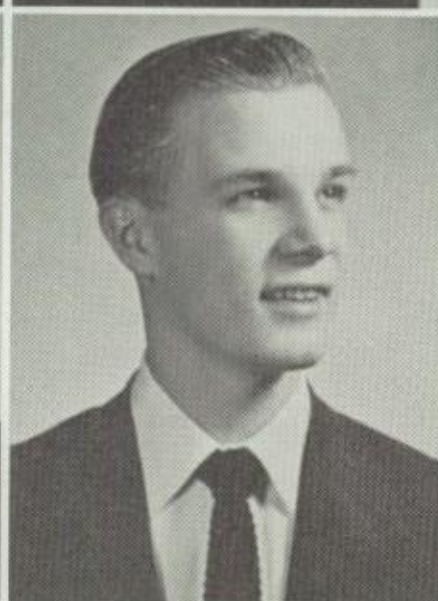
GEORGE FONG Sao Paolo, Brazil  
This was George's first year in America and his first at the Prep. He quickly adapted himself and made friends of everyone.

FRANCIS GOLIER Tarentum, Pa.  
A scholastic leader and honor man, Frank will be remembered for his kindness at all times.

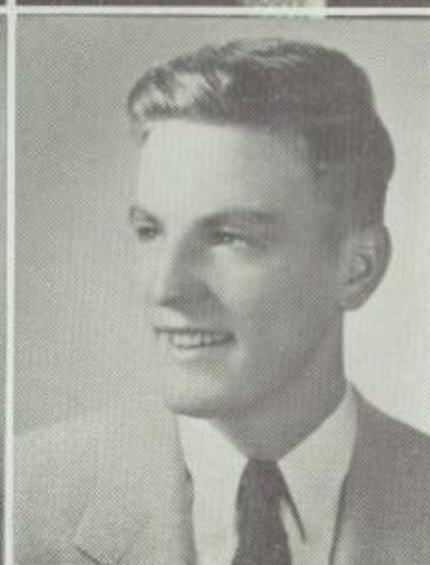
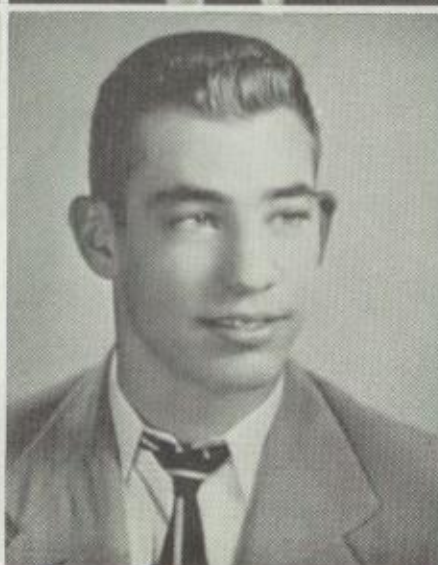




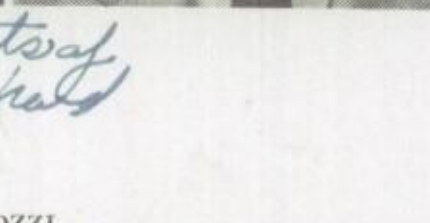
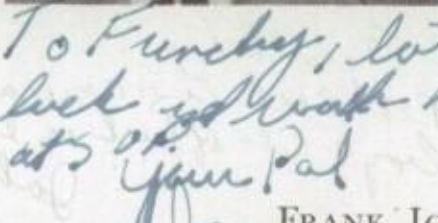
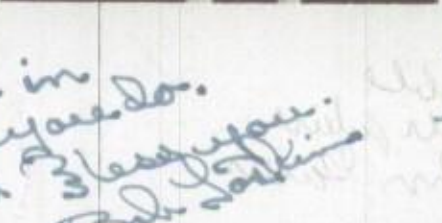
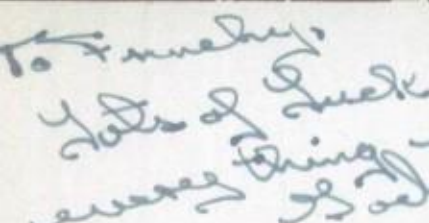
EUGENE GRIMM  
LEE HOUSTON  
ROBERT HUGHES  
FRANK IOZZI



FREDERICK JANJI  
JOSEPH KALIETA  
RICHARD KALISKY  
PAUL LARKIN



ROBERT LARKIN  
GERVASE LAZAR  
JOSEPH MARUCA  
FRANK McDONALD



EUGENE GRIMM

Connellsville, Pa.

"Nook's" rugged spirit on the football field will cause him to be long remembered in the annals of Prep sports.

JAMES HOUSTON

Greensburg, Pa.

An able leader, Lee attained many honors in forensics and publications. He plans on a career in medicine.

ROBERT HUGHES

Pittsburgh, Pa.

A diligent worker with a pleasant personality, Bob has been an inspiration to his classmates.

FRANK IOZZI

Arnold, Pa.

Frank came to the Prep in his senior year and soon won many friends. His hard work will carry him far.

FREDERICK JANJI

Owosso, Michigan

"Rick" excelled in tennis and baseball and made the National Honor Society. He was also Business Manager of the *Chimes*.

JOSEPH KALIETA

California, Pa.

Joe was a lively fellow who always had a good word for all. All-around ability will serve him well in the future.



# the 1954 seniors

*We have learned  
to work together*

RICHARD KALISKY *Portage, Pa.*

A two-year man at the Prep, "Ski" was outstanding on the diamond and as "Mr. Fix-it" of Room 105.

PAUL LARKIN *Pittsburgh, Pa.*

Paul had lots of energy and a big heart. His ambition is to get into the field of truck transportation.

ROBERT LARKIN *Pittsburgh, Pa.*

Bob's magnetic personality won him lots of friends and should help him to become a good lawyer.

GERVASE LAZAR *Pittsburgh, Pa.*

Jerry's goal is the Benedictine priesthood, and his warm personality and high scholastic record will help him to achieve it.

JOSEPH MARUCA *Connellsville, Pa.*

Joe has excelled in sports and his academic plans include entering St. Vincent College for the engineering program.

FRANCIS McDONALD *Greensburg, Pa.*

"Mac" was always pleasant with everyone, and his fine school record will help him along the way to the priesthood.

William Waggle reads of the Lydgate window to John Gavin and Joe Tripoli.

Joe BenVenuto comments on a magazine article to Vince Piccolo and Paul Larkin.



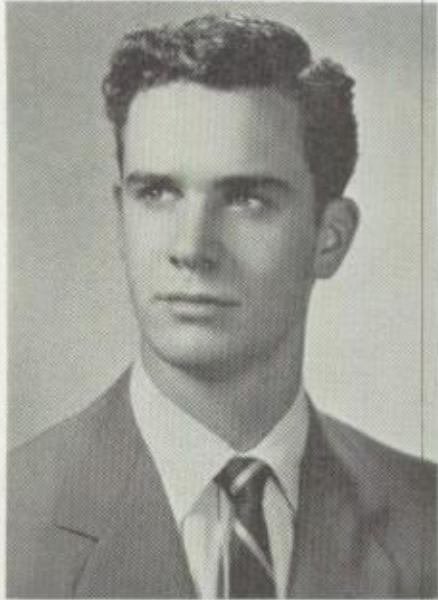


# the seniors

And, you  
a plus. Bonne chance  
Lane and senior.  
Dave

Francis  
Best of luck  
may "murph"  
God bless you

We have learned to live and pray



DAVID MCSHANE *Mt. Lebanon, Pa.*  
Publications and studies have kept Dave busy. He plans on Notre Dame and engineering.

F. JOHN MURPHY *Mt. Lebanon, Pa.*  
Murph was a standby on the Glee Club and he won acclaim as an intramural umpire. He will enter college in the fall.

WILLIAM O'TOOLE *Lorrain, Ohio*  
Student Council, Glee Club, and orchestra took up much of Bill's spare time. He plans to study law.



To Frenchie  
I wish you  
all the success in  
the world.  
Dave

DAVID PAPPERT *Pittsburgh, Pa.*  
Held in high esteem for his friendly ways, Dave plans to continue his education at Penn State.

CLAUDE PETROY *Greensburg, Pa.*  
Possessed of a keen sense of humor. "Pete" always tried to add a spark of life to others.

VINCENT PICCOLO *Greensburg, Pa.*  
Vince is a four-year Prep man, and he is best known as an expert on jazz. He hopes to make a career of dancing.

Best of Luck  
To your future years at the  
Prep.  
Frenchie  
Vince



DAVID MCSHANE  
WILLIAM O'TOOLE  
CLAUDE PETROY

F. JOHN MURPHY  
DAVID PAPPERT  
VINCENT PICCOLO

Mail call with Father Christopher.





## together in the Benedictine tradition

### JOHN PLANINSHEK *North Lima, Ohio*

An avid radio "bug," Peezer hopes to enter the U. S. Air Force and study radar. He was also active in Glee Club.

### CHARLES PLASMIER *Philadelphia, Pa.*

Always contributing to making others happy, Chuck won many friends. He hopes to enter the business world.

### MICHAEL POPSON *Greensburg, Pa.*

Mike was an outstanding star in the Prep operettas. His future plans are directed toward engineering.

### FRANCIS PREZIOSO *Dormont, Pa.*

Fran is a four-year man who starred in varsity basketball. His ambition is to become a dentist.

### ANDREW PUGLISE *Aliquippa, Pa.*

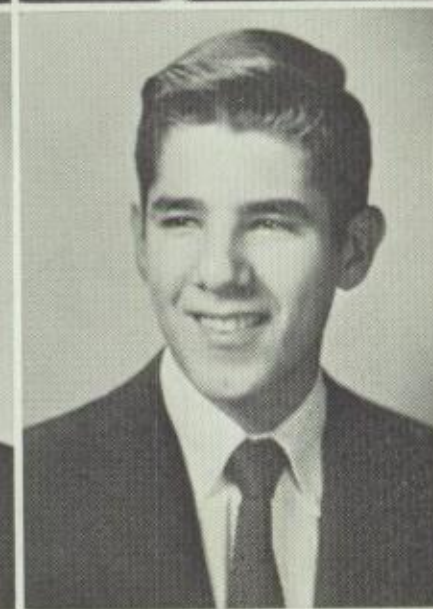
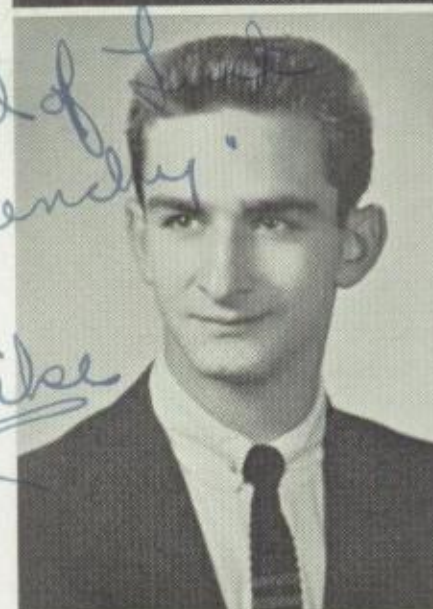
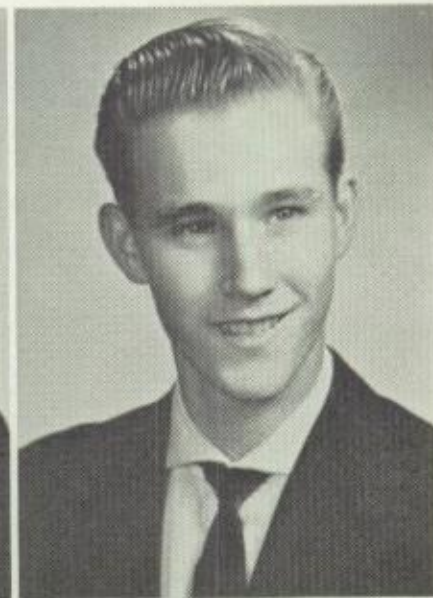
An all-around athlete with varsity experience in football, basketball, and baseball, "Pug" hopes to be a lawyer.

### RONALD RAICHLE *Altoona, Pa.*

"Ron" was the deep-thinker of the class. But he was not above a barrell of fun now and then, mostly now.

*To a very good  
French singer of  
Moulin Rouge. Ron*

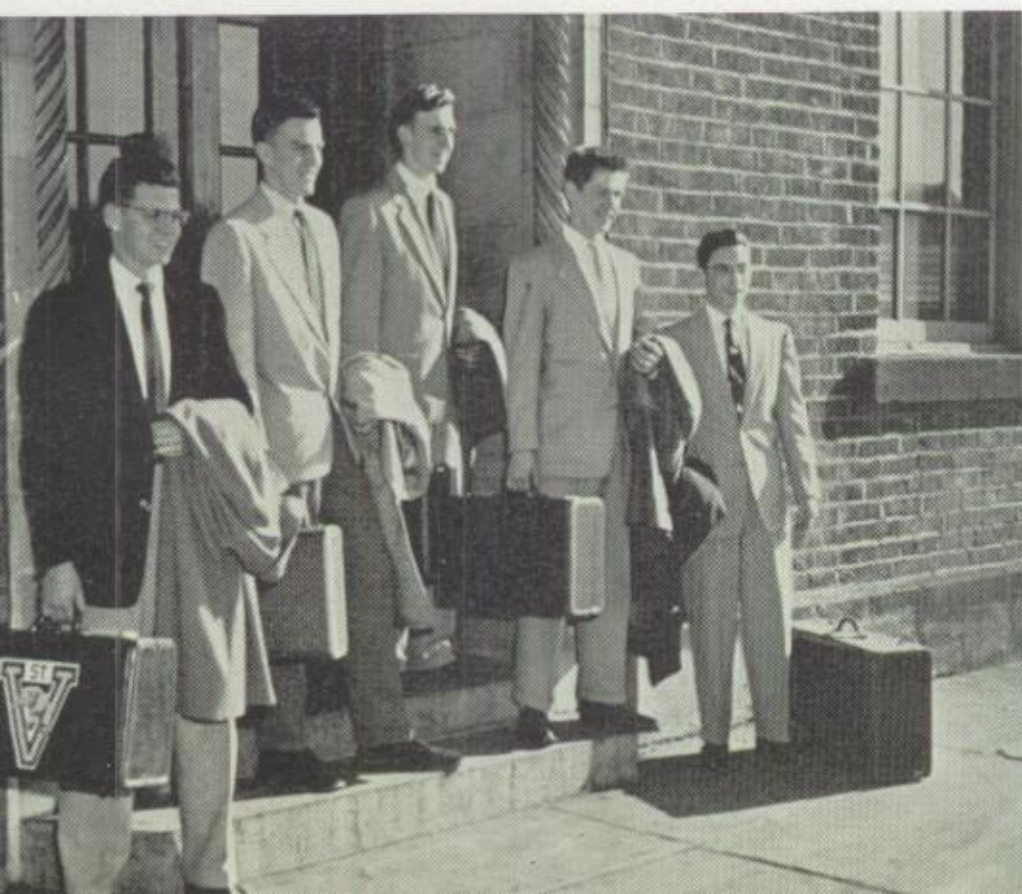
Home for Easter!



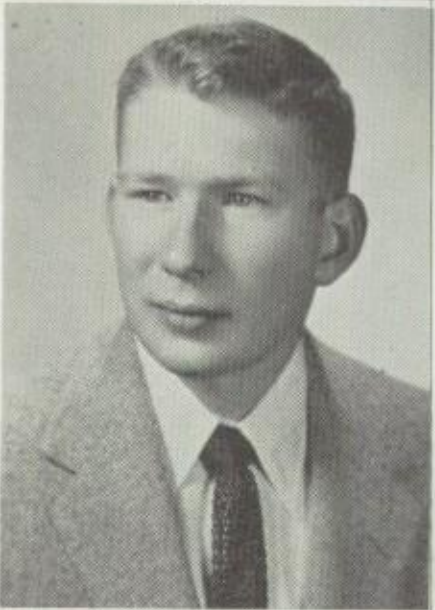
JOHN PLANINSHEK  
MICHAEL POPSON  
ANDREW PUGLISE

CHARLES PLASMIER  
FRANCIS PREZIOSO  
RONALD RAICHLE

Car wash deluxe.







RICHARD SANZI  
JOSEPH SELICH  
LAWRENCE SMITH

RONALD SANZI  
JOSEPH SHAKOSKI  
JUDE STACKPOLE

To Frenchy  
Lots of luck in  
the future and in  
the prep. Dick

To Frenchy  
The guy who  
was easy to get along  
with, with his winning  
ways + personality. Good  
luck Frenchy Ron

We have learned to play together

Frenchy  
lots of luck  
in future  
Joe

RICHARD SANZI

Uniontown, Pa.

Dick was the life of every party and he did yeoman work for the operetta as a member of the stage crew.

RONALD SANZI

Uniontown, Pa.

The "Beau Brummel" of the class, Ron excelled at athletics and was liked by everyone.

JOSEPH SELICH

Johnstown, Pa.

As a "business mind" Joe was a natural. He plans to enter a business career.

JOSEPH SHAKOSKI

Homer City, Pa.

Joe's enthusiasm for his home town was equalled only by his pep and vigor in intramural sports.

LAWRENCE SMITH

Pittsburgh, Pa.

"Smitty's" pleasant personality won him lots of friends at the Prep and will carry him far in life.

JUDE STACKPOLE

St. Marys, Pa.

Jude established a fine record in forensics at the Prep and plans to take up law at St. Vincent College in the fall.

Frenchy  
a great life  
good luck  
Jude

Gab fest between classes.

Concentration on "scrabble."





# the seniors

*in the spirit of team work*

JOSEPH TRIPOLI *Derry, Pa.*

Joe could always be counted on to extol the glories of Derry and the merits of his '36 Plymouth. He will enter St. Vincent.

DANIEL URDZIK *Bradenville, Pa.*

Dan will be remembered for his scholastic ability and athletic skill—and also for his crew cuts and big smile.

THEODORE VALENTOVICH *Scottsdale, Pa.*

One of the leaders of his class, Ted excelled on the playing fields as well as in the classroom.

WILLIAM WAGGLE *Bradenville, Pa.*

Bill's tales of hunting and fishing were always lots of fun. He was often seen hopping home in his car.

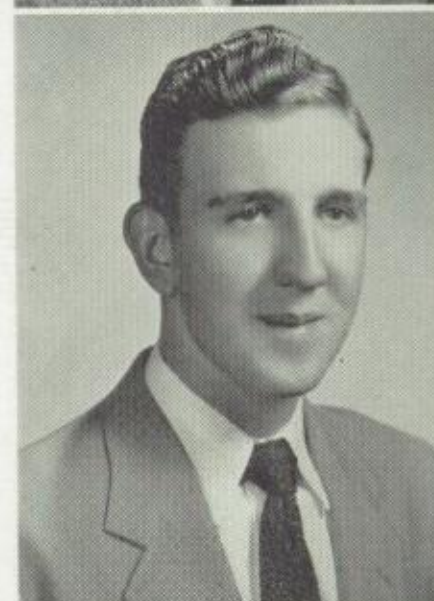
JON WENDELKEN *Akron, Ohio*

Math was a breeze for "Tweedy," and his manner was always pleasant. He plans on medicine as a career.

JOHN T. WESTBROOK *Warren, Ohio*

Terry was the chief photographer of the class and during his first weeks at the Prep organized the Photo Club.

Conditioning with running.



JOSEPH TRIPOLI  
THEODORE VALENTOVICH  
JOHN WENDELKEN

DANIEL URDZIK  
WILLIAM WAGGLE  
JOHN WESTBROOK





### Officers

*Sitting*—Bill Tous-  
saint, Bert Mc-  
Conomy, and  
Tom Romanik.

*Standing* — Fred  
Dankmyer and  
and Bill Evans.

## the juniors

*Be good  
to  
brother  
& you'll  
get for  
him*

### *Now we would like you to meet next year's seniors*



FATHER OMER



FATHER RONALD

This year the Junior Class maintained their reputation for being active in the affairs of the Prep. At times they seemed almost radio-active, but their versatile prefects, Father Omer and Father Ronald, were always able to direct their energies into useful channels.

Leading a whole array of honor students were Weis, McConomy, Church, Matenkosky, and Kiggins. The influence of the foreign language program was notable. Dick Kowancki was overheard talking to French student John Cantanzaro in German.

The *Journalette*, a Junior Class project, appeared in each issue of the *St. Vincent Journal*, with increasing regularity and with only a minor alteration now and then. This year's staff included McConomy, Romanik, Toussaint, and Fryer.

School dances and operetta practice provided the Juniors with opportunities to learn the social graces and brought new interest into the life of Fred Dankmyer.

Forensics was another area in which the Juniors excelled. Toussaint, McConomy, Heupler, T. Romanik, and Dankmyer gained valuable experience on the rostrum.

On the friendly fields of sport the Juniors were represented by such stalwarts as Hofrichter, Trench, Ray Sanzi, Conroy, J. Stephan, Stillwagon, Metzger, Romanik, McCann, and Simmons.

The Class of 1955 are already eager to launch into the activities of their senior year, a year which should see them establish some fine records for the Prep.



# *We ragged them and we razzed them . . .*

Walt Labys, Joe McArdle, Ken McCandless, Pat McCann, Jim Ludgate, Ken McKenzie, Bill McInerney, Ross Lavin, Bert McConomy.



Front—Fred Dankmyer, Bill Erneste, Bob Fryer, Bill Evans, John Catanzaro.

Back—Rick Conroy, Leonard Evansic, Don Flowers, Dennis Church.



Front—Ted Jacquet, Dick Kownacki, Bill Keaney.

Center — Joe Hill, Francis Hofrichter, Fred Heupler, Ed Heiber.

Back — Terry Kiggins, Joe Hudock, Jim Henry.





# the juniors

*but they were our friends*

Henry Thel, Bill Toussaint,  
Bill Stillwagon, Paul Ster-  
butzel, Richard Stutz, John  
Stephan, Bob Simmons,  
Rege Stefanic, John Thurin.



*Front* — Jim Schnupp and  
Bill Rafferty.

*Back* — Joel Scheib, Bill  
Scott, Ken Rothert, Ted  
Shutok, Ray Sanzi, Bob  
Sharbaugh, Tom Romanik.



*Kneeling* — Kevin Weises.

*Standing* — John Zelachoski,  
Paul Watts, Tom Walsh,  
Herbert Wirfel, Mike  
Trench, Frank Trumbower,  
Ed Watt, Larry Whalen,  
Joe Zumello.





and we wish them success in the future



*Front* — Ed Goslin, Bob Gizzi, Paul Hamill, Richard Gorka.

*Back* — Gerry Gumbita, Bill Groppe, Ed Grimm, Floyd Gaskin, Francis Gaffney.



*Front* — Mel Buttici, Bob Bartlett, Leonard Anderson, Bob Burgett.

*Back* — Jim Birukoff, Russ Bangert, Sid Beauchamp, Oscar Bastiani, Harry Brodzinski.



Bill Metzger, John Matenkosky, Pat Policastro, Joe Meslovich, Paul Mahoney, Mike Mathias, Lew Pellegrin, Peter Pontzer, John Moore.

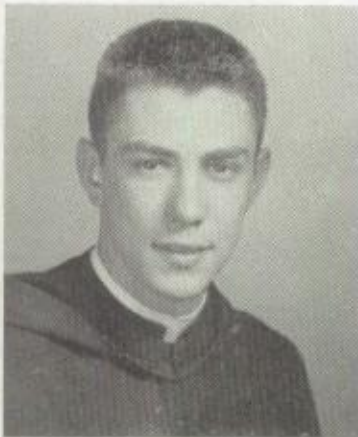


# the sophomores

*Here are some of the people  
we have come to know*



FATHER JULIAN



FATHER CLAUDE

*Mr. Claude*

Under the guidance of their prefects, Fathers Julian and Claude, the sophomores never witnessed a dull moment.

Dunn vs. Menner was always a good attraction but whenever "Smitty" arrived with pizza, he drew a larger crowd. The locker room resounded to the bonk, bonk, bonk of Ward's shoes, and to "Bing" Chovannes' singing of "P.S. I Love You."

Representing the class in Forensics were George Valyo, Jack O'Brien, Al Dotson, Bill Ruhl, Don Baker, and Joe Buch, who brought distinction to the class by winning the State Championship in humorous interpretation. Further honor was brought to the class when George Valyo won a nomination to the County Chorus.

Steve Blatnica's intramural football and basketball teams captured the championship awards in Maur Hall. The class's outstanding athletes were Mike Shaughnessy and Jack Martin, who showed versatility in all sports.

Scholastically, the leaders were Don Pryce, Ed Salamacha, and Benedict Jenecko.

The highlights of Maur Hall's social activity were a Thanksgiving and Christmas dance in the clubroom. At the Thanksgiving party Ed Mahoney learned the unforgettable lesson that green cigars are not to be tampered with.

The sophomores now proudly pass the half way mark and look forward to a jovial junior year.

*To Genchie,  
Who should have won the amateur contest.  
Officers H. Valyo*

Sitting — Joe Fafone, Jack Martin, Mike Shaughnessy.  
Standing — Dick Krill, Drew Ward, George Valyo, Jack O'Brien.





Dick Bobenreith, Joe Bartini-  
kas, Don Baker, Ron Bar-  
lock, Gerry Bell, Steve  
Blatnica, Miles Buzzi, Syl-  
vester Brecht, Joe Buch.



*Front* — Sam Montana, Jack  
O'Brien, Jim Murray, Dan  
Murrman.

*Back* — Larry Myers, Carl  
Rosenberger, Phil Murray,  
Carl Neuser, Tom Mericksko.



Ron Varine, John Winkle,  
Tony Vivirito, Drew Ward,  
Robert Vargo, George  
Valyo.



*At the half-way point, they are eager to be moving up*



*Front* — John Keaney, Joe Ivan.

*Back* — Dan Johnston, Jim Kinney, Lew Jordan, Joe Koch, John Hanes, Ben Jenecko.



*Kneeling* — Mark Geary.

*Standing* — Bob Gable, Jack Freund, Larry Gliganic, Joe Fafone, Gary Hackey, Bob Glass, Fred Frank.



*Kneeling* — Joe Menner.

*Standing* — Mel McSheehy, Bob Mazon, Roger Marciniak, Bob Krill, Ed Mahoney, Bob McElhaney, Jack Martin, Ken Leib.



## the sophomores

*They were enthusiastic participants*





Bill Ruhl, John Sauers, Ed Salamacha, Frank Smith, Mike Skapik, Mike Shaughnessy, George Stephen, Phil Sass.



Mike Davis, Ron Englehart, Jim Ebaugh, Carl DiFulvio, Ed Edelen, Andy Chovannes, Ed Dunn, Dave Drake, Al Dotson.



*Kneeling* — Tom Policastro, Dan Rafferty, John Rix.

*Standing* — Vince Paterno, Pat Patton, Charles Reiling, Bruno Peternelli, Lenart Pollack, Don Pryce.

*in all the activities of the school*





### Officers

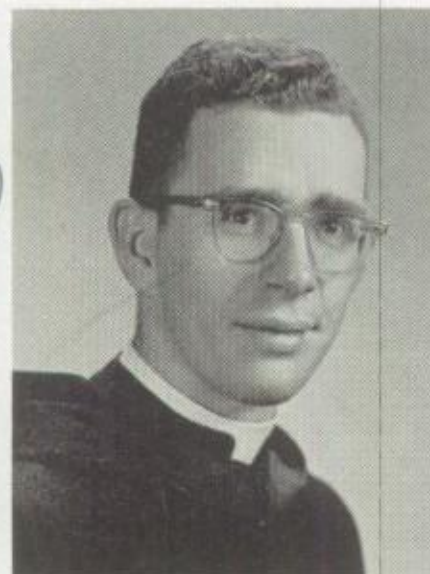
*Sitting* — Philip Fay, Fred Walker, Mike Gilmartin, Paul Oesterle.  
*Standing* — Joe Griffin, Harold Ruble.

## the freshmen

### *These were our new and good friends of our senior year*



FATHER BEDE



FATHER MAURUS

After a few weeks of getting lost in the labyrinthine corridors of the Prep, the Freshmen settled down to a somewhat orderly existence under the guidance of Frs. Bede and Maurus.

Talent on the fields of sport, talent in the classroom, talent on the rostrum—the first year men showed all this and more.

John Romanik, Paul Oesterle, and Fred Walker led the way on the gridiron, while John O'Connell starred on the hardwood. In baseball it was Fred Walker again who demonstrated promise on the diamond.

In Forensics, Dave Lang, Mike Gilmartin, Joe Griffin and Jack Dettis brought many honors both to the Class and to the Prep.

Under the excellent direction of Mr. Laber, Freshmen Dave Larkin, George Buessem, John O'Connell, Mark McShane, and Paul Oesterle proved very apt and willing musicians. Adding their voices to the Glee Club were August Giobbi, Roy Stupakoff, Archie Ziviello, and George Buessem.

Promise of future leadership was given by Student Council officers Mike Gilmartin, Fred Walker, Phillip Fay, Joe Griffin, Harold Ruble, and Paul Oesterle. Under their direction the Christmas Party and the Non-smokers Club proved to be very successful.

Fr. Julian's Field and Stream Club found recruits in such lovers of the great outdoors as Alessandro, Kampner, Glass, Keaney, and Griffin.

Regular leaders of the Honor Roll were Lang, Knott, and Siemer.

If the spirit they have shown in the past year is any indication of their future, the Class of 1957 will long be remembered in the annals of the Prep.





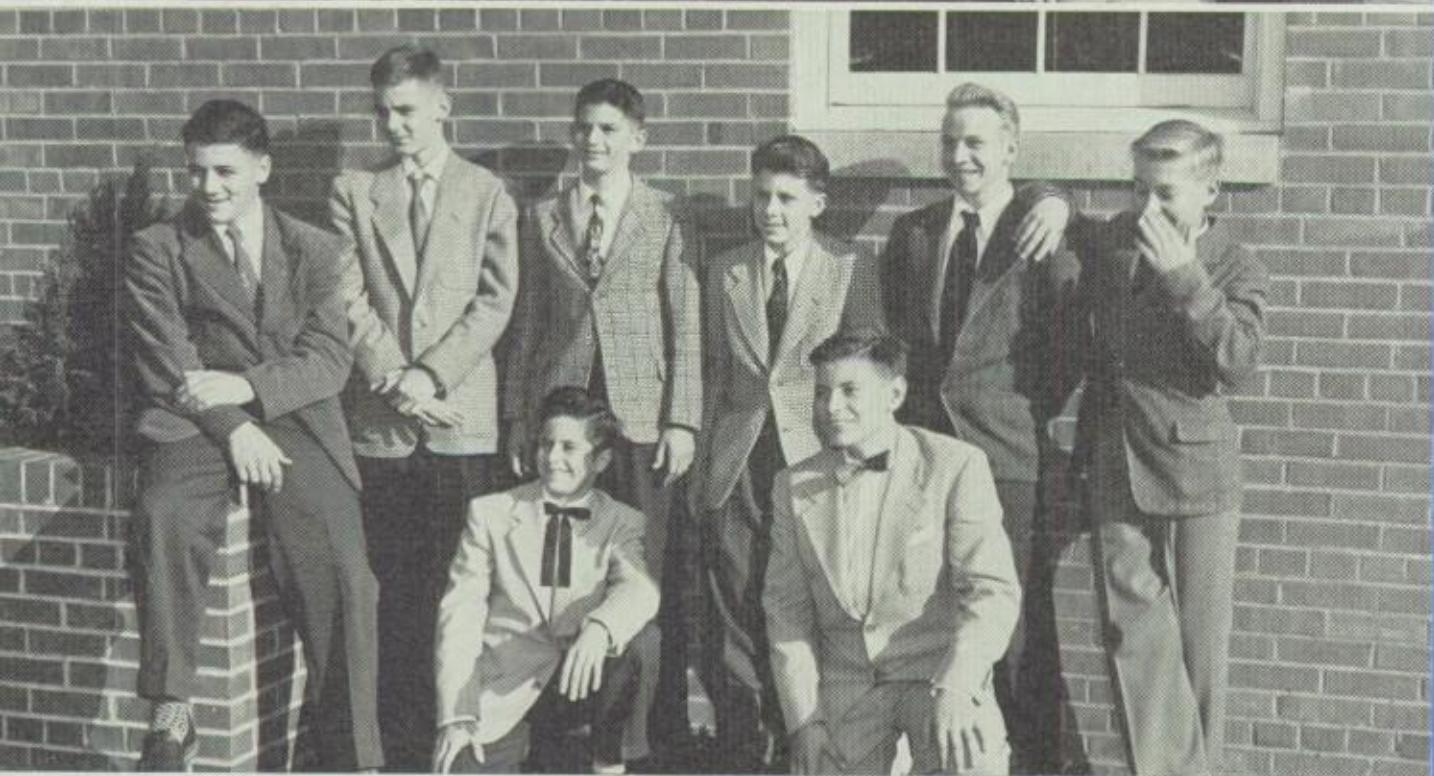
*Sitting*—Lew Nerduzzi, Fran Murrman, Richard Mulcahy, Bill Metzger.

*Standing*—Paul Oesterle, Leo Watts, John O'Connell, John Meslovich, Bob Niccols.



*Front* — Bill Hartman.

*Standing*—Joe Glass, Charles Grady, George Kanyok, Joe Griffin, Tom Keaney, Jack Halligan, Ed Holtz.



*Standing* — Dom Carderella, Edward Clark, Gene Del Costello, Jack Dettis, Denis Donahue, Harry Skowronek.

*Kneeling*—Mike Cozza, John D'Alessandro.



*Front* — Roy Stupakoff, Ray Fox, Jim Geitner, Henry Dudek, August Giobbi.

*Back*—Vincent Gayvert, Phil Fay, Mike Gilmartin.



*Kneeling* — Stephen Mann,  
Joe Managerella, Pete Luffy.

*Standing* — Fred Walker,  
David Mastrococco, Dennis  
Loughran, Mark McShane,  
Dick Melland.



Jim Bomkamp, Ross Ales-  
sandro, Anthony Boben-  
reith, George Briercheck,  
Don Brozack, Jerry Siemer,  
George Buessem.



*Sitting*—Hawley Patton, Bob  
Pursley.

*Standing* — John Romanik,  
Don Parson, Dick Rishell,  
Emil Ritacco, Tom Patts,  
Archie Ziviello, Harold  
Ruble.



*Front* — Jerry Kress, Ron  
Tessorerie, Dave Larkin,  
John Knott, Tom Krisner,  
Andre Kempner, Dave  
Lang.

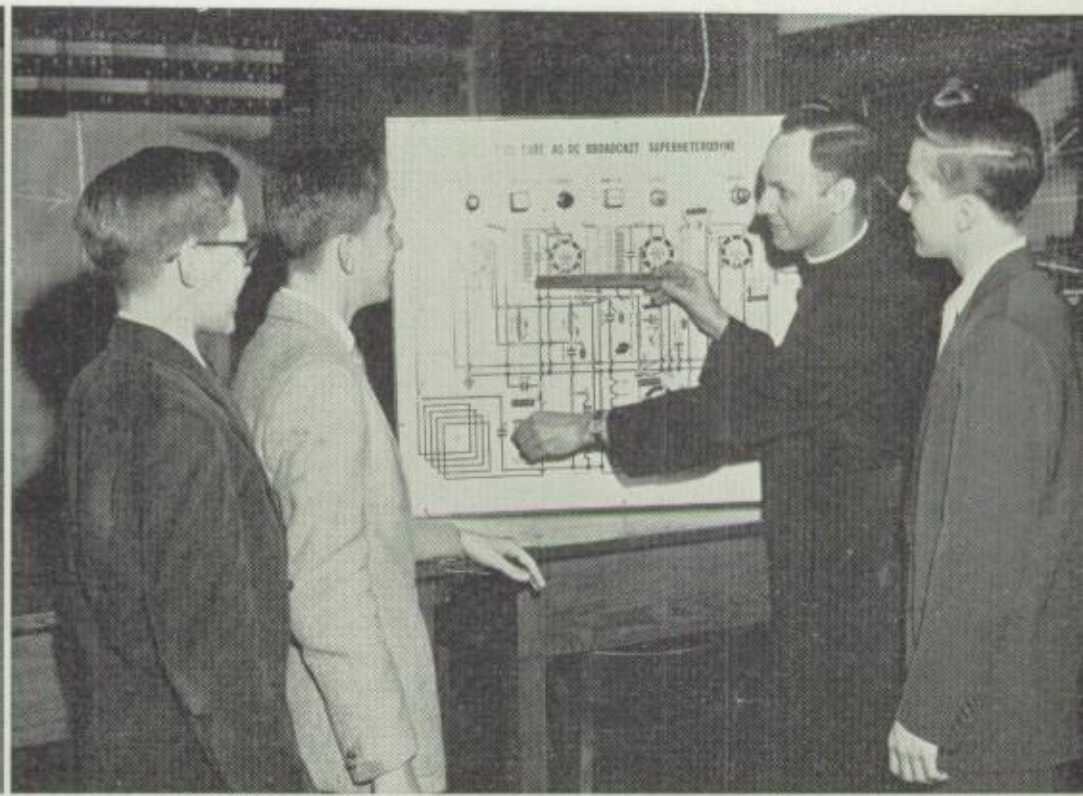
*Back* — Ron Krug.





# in the classrooms

*We received benefits of a Christian education from devoted priests and laymens*



*Top*—Father Emeric gives pointers to Nick Alwine, John Knott and Joe Glass.

*Center*—John Matenkosky, Jim Schnupp and John Murphy listen to Mr. Laber's comments on records in Music Appreciation class.

*Bottom*—Father Louis instructs Chuck Plasmier how to heat a mixture as Claude Petroy and Bob Hughes watch with enthusiasm.

*Top*—Bill McInerney, Tom Walsh and Fred Heupler learn the intricacies of physics from Father Wilfred.

*Center*—A dead field mouse is the topic of discussion during one of Father Julian's field trips with biology students Frank Iozzi, Ron Sanzi and John Bell.

*Bottom* — Father Christopher explaining a sidelight of English Literature to William Waggle, Frank Iozzi, Vince Piccolo and Claude Petroy.



# scholasticate

*Where young students begin their studies for*



*Top*—Lew Nerduzzi, Fran Murrman, Joe Koch, Benedict Jenecko watch as Jim Geitner prepares to serve to Jerry Siemer in the scholastic clubroom.

*Bottom*—It's hair-cut time with John Zelachoski and Herb Wirfel bargering Ron Krug and Jim Ebaugh.

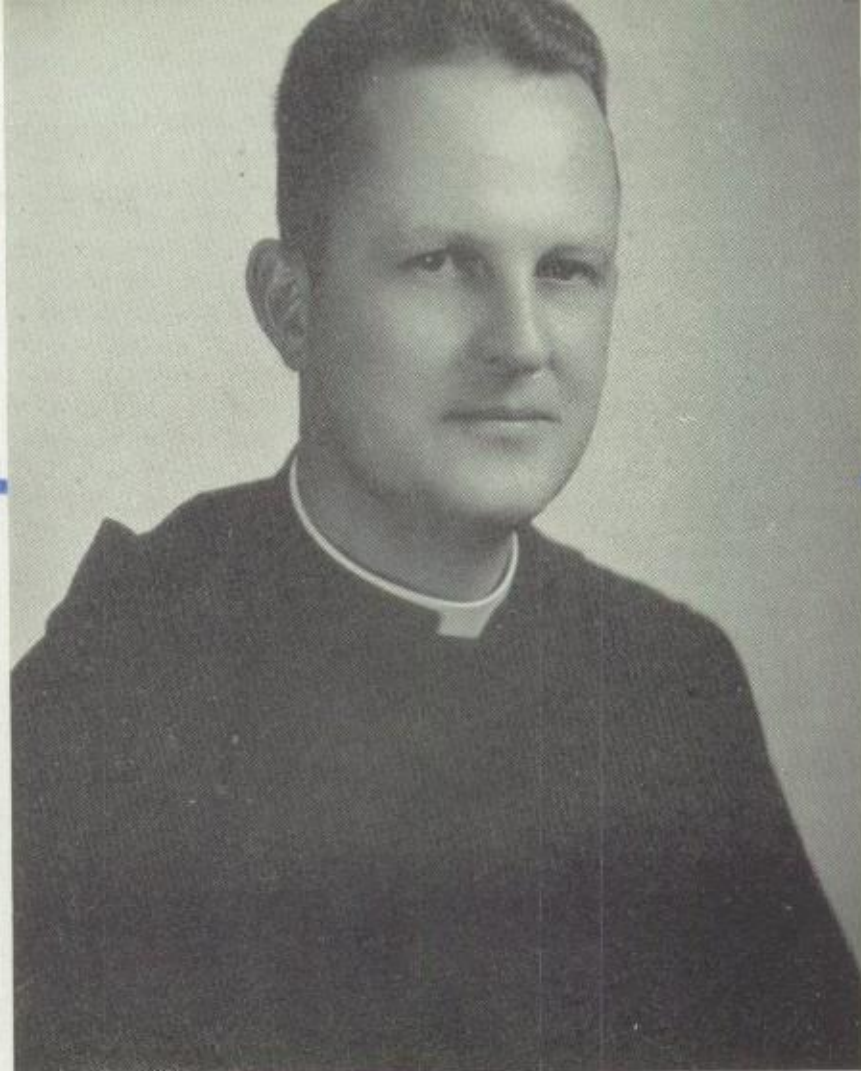
*Top*—Ken Rothert shows Leo Watts and Bob Sharbaugh what has intrigued him as Lennart Pollak reads to Gerry Gumbita and Kevin Weis.

*Bottom*—Jim Henry, Bob Vargo, Leonard Evansic and Paul Mahoney take their turn at hall clean-up.



## *the Benedictine priesthood*

FATHER AIDAN PFIESTER, O.S.B.  
*Director*



The Scholasticate is the minor seminary department of St. Vincent for students who aspire to the priesthood in the Benedictine Order. During the past year the community spirit of the department was exemplified in the close association and friendship between the administrative staff and the students.

Father Aidan, Director of the Scholasticate, has developed a fine program for the fostering of vocations. Father Joachim's friendly personality won him many friends. Two avid promoters of the "family spirit" in the Scholasticate were Frs. Clarence and Simon, prefects of the senior study hall. And in the junior study hall Frs. Ronin and Thomas undertook the task of molding boys into men.

During this year the Scholasticate paper, *The Raven*, made its appearance under the guidance of Fr. Joachim. It shows every sign of becoming an important member of the St. Vincent family of publications.

Scholastic prefects:—Fathers Ronin, Thomas, Clarence, and Simon. Father Joachim is at the telephone.







*Sitting*—Bill Toussaint, Gene Citrone, Kevin Weis, Rick Janci, Al Cipriani.

*Standing*—Bert McConomy, Bob Simmons, Mike Popson, Frank Golier, Lee Houston, Dave Connolly.

Membership in the National Honor Society is one of the most sought-after academic distinctions in American high schools. The Society's requirements include not only high-honor ranking in academic matters, but also the qualities of leadership and character. Each year the Faculty select a number of Seniors and Juniors for membership in the Society.

Having led his class for four years, Frank Golier is at the top among the Seniors. Also in the ranks of the high-honor men are Gerry Lazar and Dave Connolly.

Leading Juniors are Gary Weis, Kenneth Rothert, and Dennis Church. And in the Sophomore Class, Drew Ward, Edward Salamacha, and Lewis Jordan have shown outstanding academic ability. In the Freshman Class, David Lang and John Knott could always be counted on for a place on the Honor Roll.

With Father Warren as moderator, the National Honor Society members elected the following officers:

Rick Janci, president; Al Cipriani, vice-president; Gene Citrone, secretary; and Dave Connolly, treasurer.

# honor

*These students achieved academic*



## Seniors

*Sitting* — Golier, Connolly, Hughes, Citrone, Fong, McShane, Lazar.

*Standing* — Janci, Popson, Kalieta, O'Toole, Wendelken, Calderone, Urdzik, Valentovich, Houston.



## Juniors

*Sitting* — Sharbaugh, Matenkosky, Heupler, Evans, P. Mahoney, Rothert, Weis, Anderson, Kiggins, McConomy.

*Standing* — Goslin, Gorka, Thel, Church, Trumbower, Simmons, Hamill, Walsh, Toussaint.



## Sophomores

*Sitting* — Price, Frank Salamacha, Jenecko.

*Standing* — Buch, Ward, Shaughnessy, Blatnica, Jordan.



## Freshmen

*Sitting* — Lang, Dudek, Hartman, Momper.

*Standing* — Dettis, Gilmartin, O'Connell, Siemer, Bomkamp, Giobbi, Knott, Ruble.





# spiritual growth

*In addition to training  
our minds we sought to  
develop moral character*

● Father Canice, Ed Edelen and Miles Buzzi cheer  
up Al Dotson in the infirmary.



THIS IS OUR





YEAR...

| a time of spiritual growth



# religion

*From morning mass until evening prayers we felt*

Joe Tripoli, Larry Smith and Fran Prezioso admire a statute of St. Benedict.





## *the influence of God's presence*

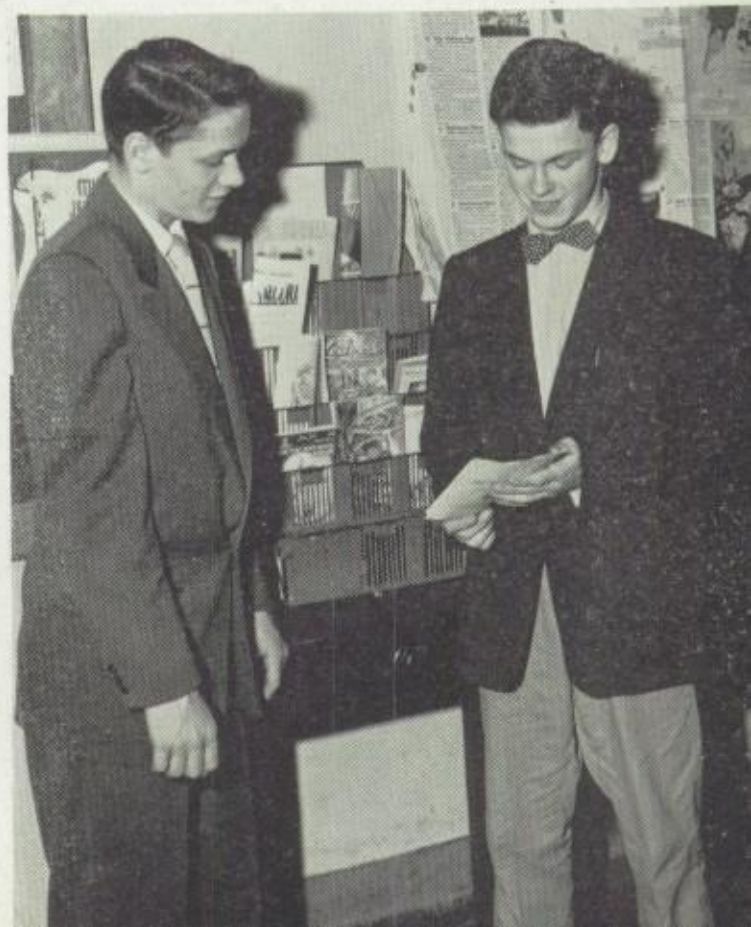


Lee Houston takes holy water on entering the Chapel.

Before Benediction, Father Canice delivers one of his Sunday evening talks.

Bill Ruhl and Dave Larkin select books from the spiritual bookstand.

The spiritual life of the Prep permeates the day's activities from morning until night. The first day of the school year finds the entire student body assisting at the Solemn Mass in honor of the Holy Ghost, and the last day is marked by the offering of the Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving on Commencement Day. Each morning all the students of the Prep gathered in the century-old Student Chapel for the re-enactment of the Holy Sacrifice, and each evening they knelt together in their study halls for night prayers.





# religion

Father Canice instructs new altar boys, Peter Luffy, Bob Niccols, Dave Drake and Dennis Loughran.



Waiting to have a conference with Father Brennan, retreat master, Fred Walker, Ed Grimm, Joe Fafone and John Planinshek stand in line.



Taking their turn at adoration, Dave Drake, John O'Connell, Mike Shaughnessy and Dave Pappert during Forty Hours devotion.





# *From religious instruction we learned the meaning of life*

Directing the spiritual life of the Prep is Father Canice, a priest who understands the problems of boys, and who, as head baseball coach of the Prep, combines the qualities of athlete, priest, and teacher, in carrying on the duties of his office. Each Sunday evening he spoke to the students on the meaning of the Mass and presided at Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

One of the highlights of each year at the Prep is the annual retreat. Serving as Retreat Master this year was Father Vincent Brennan who added to the substance of his sermons a great many stories from the field of sports and won the close attention of his listeners.

Each day we had the opportunity of getting to confession. Our confessors were Father Jerome, whose kind words and advice have been sought by Prep students for many years, and Fathers Clement and Edgar who were always there to raise their hands in the sacred sign of absolution.

Forty-five students were members of the Prep Mass Servers club, the St. Aloysius Society. Officers of the club this year were: Robert Fryer, president; Dick Krill, vice-president; Fred Dankmyer, secretary; and George Valyo, treasurer.

Assisting Father Canice in promoting the spiritual life of the Prep were our prefects and teachers whose daily influence taught us to think of religion not as a department of our lives but as something which must be a part of every phase of our lives. We learned to love our Faith as a key to the good life, both here and hereafter.

*Good Luck  
To the  
Canice*



The officers of the Altar Boy Society, Bob Fryer, Dick Krill, Fred Dankmyer, and George Valyo plan coming events with Father Canice.



# social life

*Social activities contributed to our  
growth in refinement and in the  
understanding of our fellow-man*

● Al Cipriani, president of the Press Club, discusses a press release with officers Frank Trumbower, Ed Watt and Fred Dankmyer.



THIS IS OUR





EAR...

| **social life enriched it**



*Through writing we learned  
accurate expression*



FATHER CHRISTOPHER



Al Cipriani, editor-in-chief, covers *Chimes* work with editors Lee Houston, Frank Golier and Dave McShane.

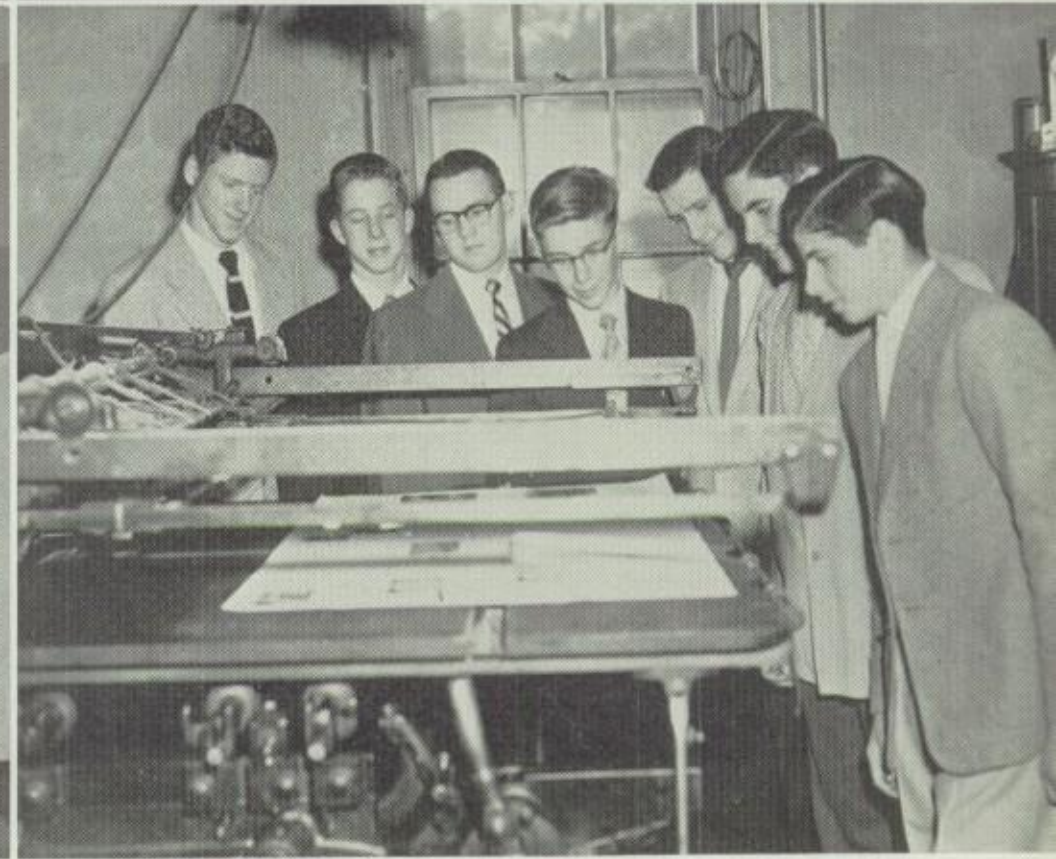
In the course of the school year, the prep puts out two publications. One, the *Chimes*, is the annual yearbook. The other, the *Journalette*, is the newspaper and is published sixteen times throughout the year.

This year's *Chimes* was edited by Al Cipriani, Lee Houston, Frank Golier and Dave McShane. A very excellent job was done by the moderator, Father Christopher, who, despite his unusually heavy schedule, always found time to give helpful advice.

The business staff consisting of a group of energetic seniors under the direction of Dave Connolly, Rick Janci, Gerry Lazar, and Gene Citrone, did a highly commendable job of providing the necessary funds for this year's yearbook.

The writing chores of this book were well handled by a writing staff composed of Joe Calderone, Bob Hughes, Dick Sanzi, and Frank McDonald.





#### *Chimes* Business Staff

*Top—Front*—Dave Connolly, Gerry Lazar, Rick Janci, Gene Citrone and Bill O'Toole.

*Back*—Don Gliganic, Jude Stackpole, Joe Ben-Venuto, Claude Petroy and Mike Popson.

*Bottom* — *Journalette* Editors in discussion.

*Sitting*—Tom Romanik and Bert McConomy.

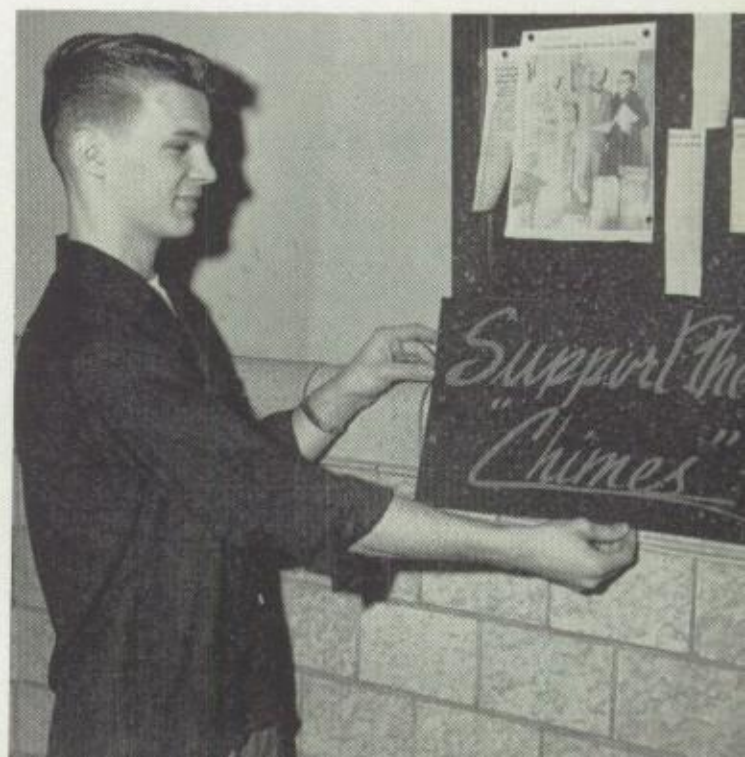
*Standing*—Bob Fryer and Bill Toussaint.

*Top*—Frank McDonald, Joe Calderone, Bob Hughes and Dick Sanzi work out the *Chimes* writing schedule.

*Bottom* — *Journalette* writers Ted Jacquett, Bill Evans, Ed Watt, Al Dotson, Vince Paternò, Fred Dankmyer, and Henry Thel inspect one of the Archabbey presses.

The combined efforts of these groups and the help of the underclassmen made the *Chimes* of 1954 a success. The seniors wish to extend their heartiest thanks to Mr. Darwin DeGlaun whose hard work and fine photography were responsible for the many fine pictures in the yearbook.

The *Journalette*, published as a department of the college *Journal*, was edited this year by Bill Toussaint, Tom Romanik, and Bert McConomy. It has kept all of the Prepsters well informed about the affairs in the school. In its columns we were able to read about a wide range of subjects. All clubs and sports, varsity and intramural, had special columns in each edition. Space was also given to the Chaplain for helpful hints about our daily lives. An innovation this year was Bob Fryer's column "Fryerside Musings" which provided the Prep with all the latest news about individuals and many laughs.





## Debating and



Forensic League officers: Bill Toussaint, vice-president; Bert McConomy, president; Tom Romanik, treasurer; and Fred Dankmyer, secretary.



Speakers of the forensic league:

*Sitting*—Dick Krill, Bill McInerney and Bill Ruhl.

*Standing* — Bill Stillwagon, Joe McArdle, Tom Walsh and Pat McCann.



Student Congressmen:

*Sitting* — Tom Romanik, Bert McConomy, Terry Kiggins, Fred Allwein, and Lee Houston.

*Standing* — George Valyo, Bill Toussaint, Fred Dankmyer, and Jude Stackpole.



Debaters:

*Sitting* — Jack O'Brien, Fred Heupler, and Henry Thel.

*Standing* — Bob Simmons, Pete Pontzer, Joe Buch, Bill Evans and Jack Thurin.



# forensics

*public speaking prepared us for future leadership*

A state championship in humorous declamation and an invitation to represent Western Pennsylvania at the National Student Congress—these were a few of the many honors won by the Blue and Gold speakers and debaters during the school year.

Joseph Buch, a sophomore, placed first in the Pennsylvania State Competition in speech with his fine interpretation of "Arsenic and Old Lace." At the same time, Fred Dankmyer won fifth place in the State in original oratory.

After much keen competition in the field of debate, Stackpole, Houston, Toussaint, and McConomy were chosen by debate coach Father Omer to represent the Prep at the district finals.

At the four district Student Congresses, Prep speakers captured many honors. Houston and Stackpole served as presiding officers at two sessions. Romanik, Toussaint, and McConomy were awarded medals for outstanding speaking. At the last Congress Houston and McConomy were elected to represent Western Pennsylvania at the National Student Congress to be held at Greensburg, Pa., in June.

Not to be outdone by his enterprising proteges, Fr. Omer also brought honor to the Prep when his fellow coaches of the N.F.L. elected him to the District Committee.



FATHER OMER

*Sitting — Dave Lang, Jack Dettis, Henry Dudek, Mike Cozza and Joe Griffin.  
Standing — Mike Gilmartin, George Buessem and John O'Connell.*







FATHER EMERIC

## art club

*This activity added*

*to our cultural development*



Looking over their work in the art room are Joe Kalieta, Frank Golier, Dan Murrman and Ken Rothert.



Joe Bartinikas, Dave Lang, Pat Patton and Miles Buzzi put finishing touches on their art projects.

Joe Griffin, August Giobbi and Phil Fay form models with clay.



The art room is one of the most important places in the Prep, and probably the busiest. From here came the wonderful decorations and programs for the socials, banquets and all the other special events throughout the year. Many fine posters are produced each year which serve to build Prep spirit and weld the students into a family group.

The art instructor, Father Emeric, has his hands full with ten freshmen, sophomore and Scholastic art classes each week. He has also arranged an exhibit of a nationally known artist's work each month through Miss Grace Pickett's Studio Guild of New York City.

Earlier this year, Buzzi, Patton, and Bartinikas entered a number of their fine oil paintings in a Pittsburgh art contest. Fine art work has been done this year by Kalieta, Stephan, Murrman, Rothert, Lang, Griffin, Fay, Knott, Alwine, and Giobbi. In leathercraft, a new field in the Art Department this year, fine work has been evidenced in the wallets and missal covers made by Gorka and Sharbaugh.





Listening to Ed Mahoney point out interesting news of the Junior Historians are Vince Paterno, Bob Gable, Lew Jordan and Dick Krill.



Father Omer points out a map of Williamsburg to Bill Evans, Mike Ludgate, Oscar Bastiani and Bill McInerney.

## history club

*Exploring the past, we learn for the future*

The aim of the Junior Historians is to cultivate in the students a love of American and Pennsylvania history. It has been functioning smoothly and well throughout the three years of its existence.

This year, under the direction of Father Omer and the Executive Council, plans are made for the annual lecture, trips, and the annual banquet. The present year's Executive Council consists of James Ludgate, William Evans, Oscar Bastiani, William McInerney, and Jack O'Brien.

Trips to Fort Ligonier and Bushy Run proved to be very interesting. The climax of the year came with the annual trip to a historical site. This year's trip to colonial Williamsburg, Virginia, was larger and more interesting than any trips taken in previous years. At the close of the school year, the organization held its banquet. 1954 has been a very prosperous year for Prep's Junior Historians.

Bill Scott, Ted Jacquett, Bill Toussaint, Harry Brodzinski and Henry Thel check out for Williamsburg.

Mike Shaughnessy, Ron Barlock, Paul Watts, Mel Buttici and Ed Watt check latest news on bulletin board.





# music

*... provided zest and  
entertainment for many  
activities of the year.*



Band practice:

*Front — Dick Krill, George Valyo, Ross  
Alessandro.*

*Back — Fred Walker, Paul Mahoney.*

## *Prep Band*

*Front Row — Mr. Geating, assistant director, DelCostello, Lavin, Kempner, Calderone, Wendelken, P. Mahoney, Alessandro, Grady and Mr. Laber, director.*

*Second Row — Davis, B. Glass, Planinshek, Mann, Kanyok, Oesterle, D. Larkin, M. McShane, Gilmartin, Mulcahy.*

*Third Row — Krill, Rishell, Patts, Murphy, Vargo, Patton, Stefanic, Ed Grimm and Henry Thel.*







*Sitting* — Paul Oesterle, Charles Grady, Tom Patts, Fred Walker.  
*Standing* — Ross Alessandro.



*Front* — George Valyo, Ross Alessandro, Jim Henry, Bob Vargo.  
*Back* — Tom Patts, Charles Grady, Paul Oesterle.

New standards were set during the past year in the Prep in the Music department. Music appreciation has been reinstated in the curriculum of the seniors, juniors, and sophomores. Mr. Joseph Laber has had a well planned course, teaching the style and qualities of different types of music and instruments and the makeup of different types of musical organizations.

After long hours of practice, the combined Glee Clubs of St. Xavier's Academy and St. Vincent Prep presented their annual Christmas Cantata, this year entitled "A King Is Born," which was directed by Father Ralph.

At the All-County Chorus in Jeannette, the Prep was well represented by Mike Popson, John Murphy, Jim Schnupp, Pat McCann, Tom Romanik, and George Valyo.

Bill O'Toole, a Prep senior was honored at the All-County Band Festival at New Kensington by being called upon to perform an oboe solo.

Under the direction of Mr. Joseph Laber and with Jon Wendelken as drum major, the Prep Band did a fine job of entertaining with music and halftime performances throughout the football season. At a number of assemblies during the year, the band offered their fine renditions of a number of patriotic and school songs.

*With best wishes,  
 Fr. Ralph O.S.B.*



FATHER RALPH BAILEY, O.S.B.  
*Director*





Captain Ladislaus, Pat McCann; Irma, Dorothy Yench; Count Berezowski, Jim Schnupp; Sandor, Bill O'Toole.  
Military Tap dance group.  
Captain Ladislaus, Pat McCann; and the Hussar corps.

Irma, Vonnie Piazza; Captain Ladislaus, Pat McCann.  
Count Berezowski, Jim Schnupp; Mme. Pompon, Loretta Wineland; Fresco, Mike Popson.  
Vaninka, Regina Steinman; Boris, George Valyo; Musette, Barbara Gruger; Sandor, Bill O'Toole; Musette, Peggy Cloonan.



# ... operetta

This year's operetta, *The Fortune Teller*, was a wonderful combination of the music of Victor Herbert, courtly intrigue, and gypsy dances. It was hard work, but when the curtain went down on the final performance, the Prep boys and St. Xavier girls knew from the resounding applause of the audience that it had been a great success.

True to the tradition of the light-hearted fantasy of Herbert, the story revolves around the recovery of a lottery ticket lost by one Count Berezowski. Irma, a member of the Grand Opera Ballet, is found to possess it. The Count decides to regain the ticket by the ingenious means of forcing Irma to marry him. This is bad news to her admirer, Ladislaus by name, who, with equal ingenuity, buys a gypsy girl, Musette, and attempts to substitute her for Irma. But the Count is not head of the Secret Police for nothing. In short, he discovers the plot. Alas, poor Ladislaus! But it all ends happily. Irma marries Ladislaus, Musette returns to the gypsies, and the Count, as might be expected, finds contentment in Mme. Rompom.

The leading roles were played by Barbara Gruger, Peggy Cloonan, Vonnie Piazza, Dot Yench, Regina Steinman, Judy Trench, Luitgarde Dupre, and Loretta Wineland of St. Xavier's Academy. Starring for the Prep were Mike Popson, Jim Schnupp, George Valyo, Pat McCann, and Bill O'Toole.

As in the past, Father Ralph and Sister Ida have done a fine job of producing the operetta. They were ably assisted by Mr. Joseph Laber, a newcomer to the Prep faculty. Father Louis and his stage crew were responsible for the fine sets and beautiful costumes.



## OPERETTA CAST

Students of the Prep and St. Xavier combined Glee Clubs.

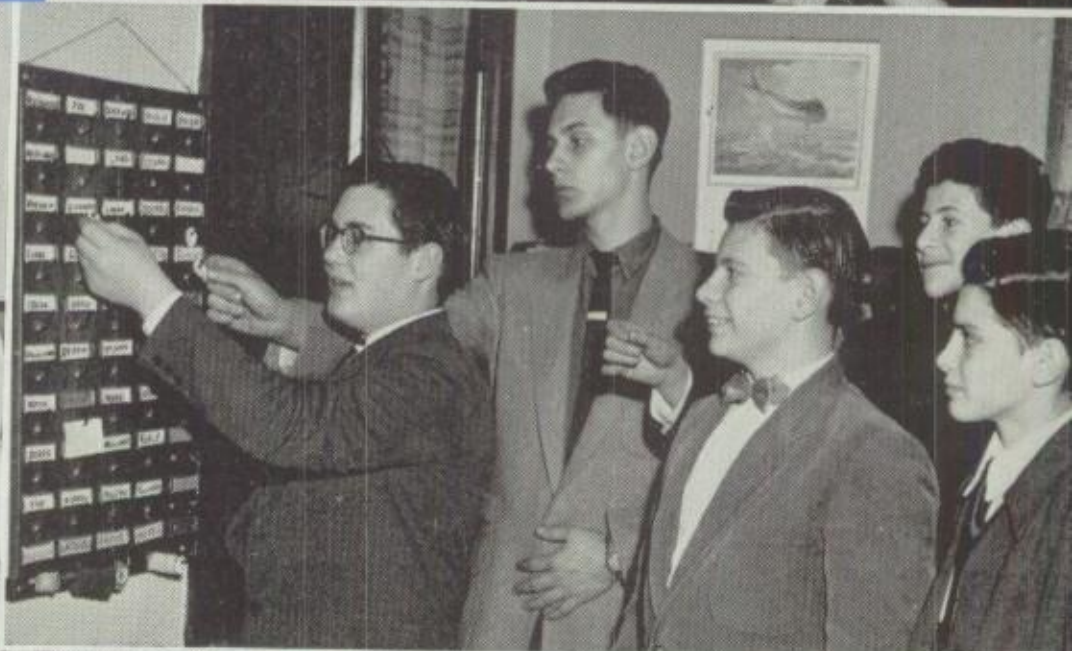
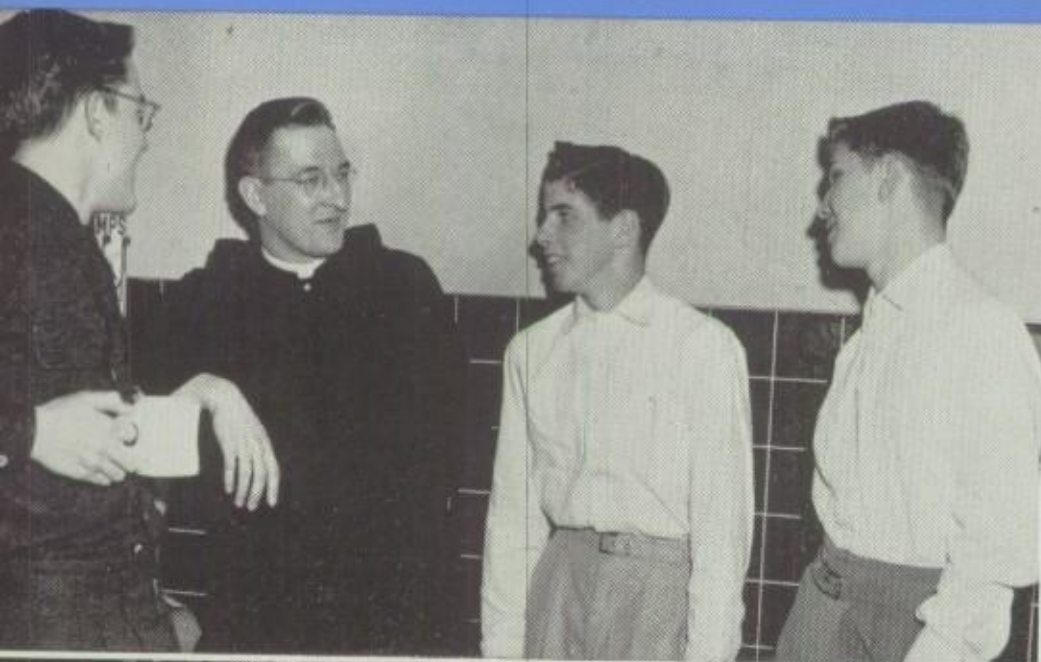






# candid catches

*A record of our  
varied activity*



Meslovich, Mulcahy, Brierchech and T. Romanik learn how it's done by Father Dunstan.

Father Ronald chats with Thurin, Thel and Walsh in the shack.

Time out for lunch! Dayhops Don Brozack, Joe Hudock, John Moore, and Gene Citrone relax in the clubroom.

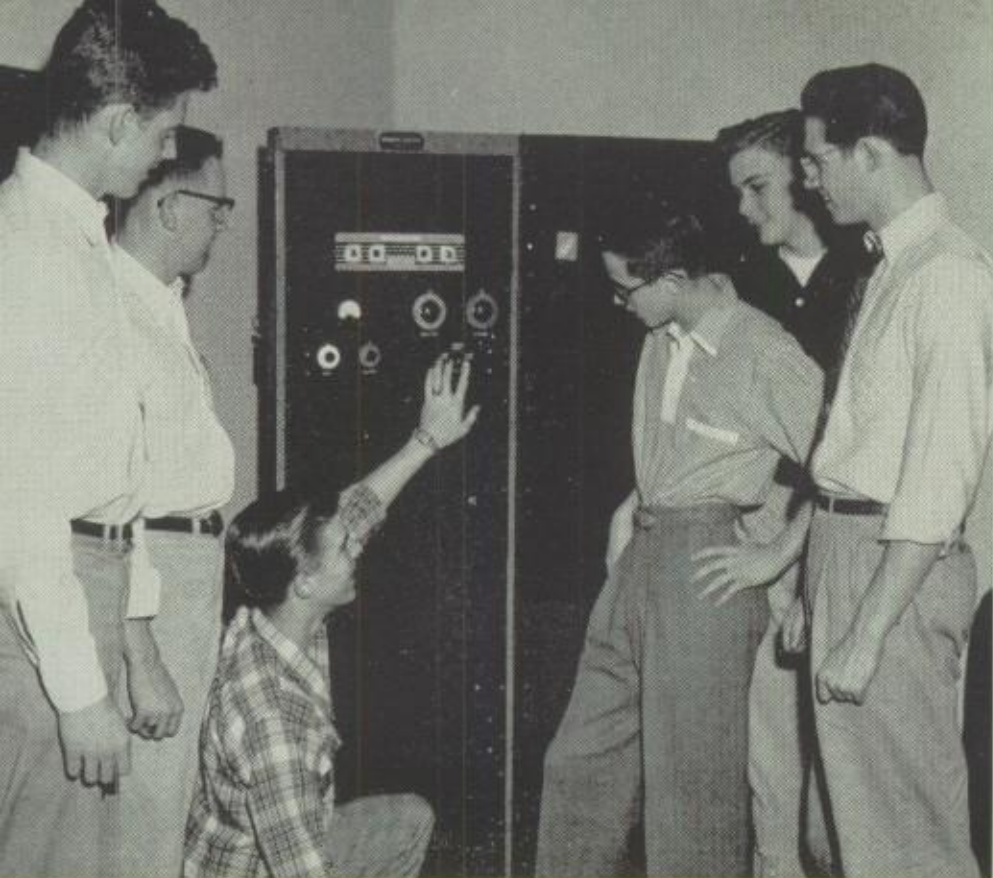
Mericsko, Menner and Baumgartner test their skill at pool.

Dave Drake, Jim Kinney, Steve Blatnica and Jim Murray playing cards during the recreation period.

Checking out for home are Mike Gilmartin, Archie Ziviello, John D'Alessandro, Andy Kempner and Frank Geraci.

McCandless, Bastiani and Stillwagon pause to discuss one of their favorite pastimes.





Head technician, Peter Swart, shows radio controls to Ted Jacquett, Ed Watt, "Peezer" Planinshek, Phil Murray and Jim Kinney.



Father Canice, club moderator, shows officers Bill Groppe, Jim Ludgate, Bob Simmons, Joe Hill and Russ Bangert, the art of using a microphone.

## radio club

*We gained broadcasting experience over Station WSVC*

Although the Radio Club is the newest organization on the Prep campus, it has already acquired a large membership. It has developed into one of the Prep's most active clubs.

Every Friday and Saturday evening, over station WSVC, club members play both old and new music. On Wednesday evenings the club presents all the latest news around the Prep.

At the elections of officers, Bill Groppe was elected president; Joe Hill, vice-president; Jim Ludgate, secretary; and Bob Simmons, Treasurer. These officers have done a good job in making the club the success that it is.

When the Westmoreland County Coaches Basketball Tournament was held here, Radio Club members did all of the announcing over the public-address system and provided the spotters for all the games.

With Father Canice as their moderator, the members of the Radio Club have done well in their careers as amateur radio announcers and disc-jockeys.

George Stephen, Ross Lavin, Harry Brodzinski, Bill Toussaint, Tom Romanik and Bert McConomy eye Bill Metzger at the controls.



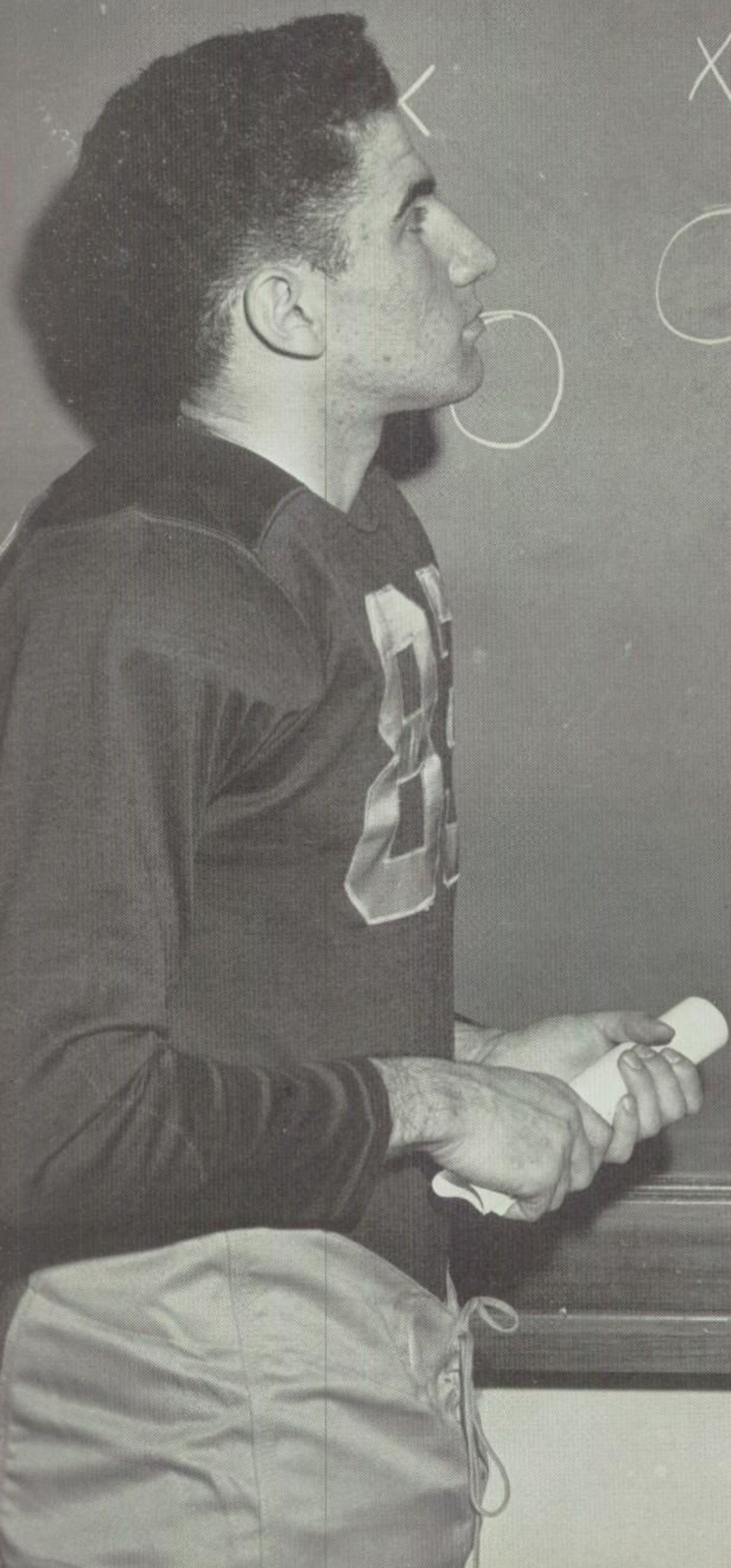
Ed Edelen shows some of the record collection to Oscar Bastiani, Vincent Paterno, Sid Beauchamp, Fred Dankmyer, Pat McCann, Ken McCandless and John Thurin.





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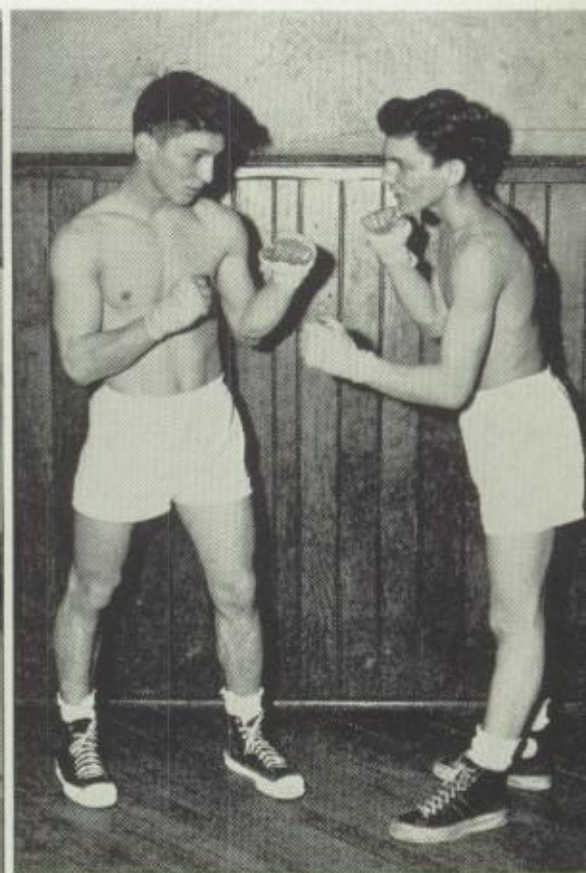
| **sports** HELPED US TO BUILD







Managers Cipriani and Prezioso at work in the equipment room.



Pat and Tom Policastro set up their stance.

*With the opening of the new gymnasium  
and playing fields, athletes  
found a haven for sports*

**athletics**



# football

*Our physical energies*



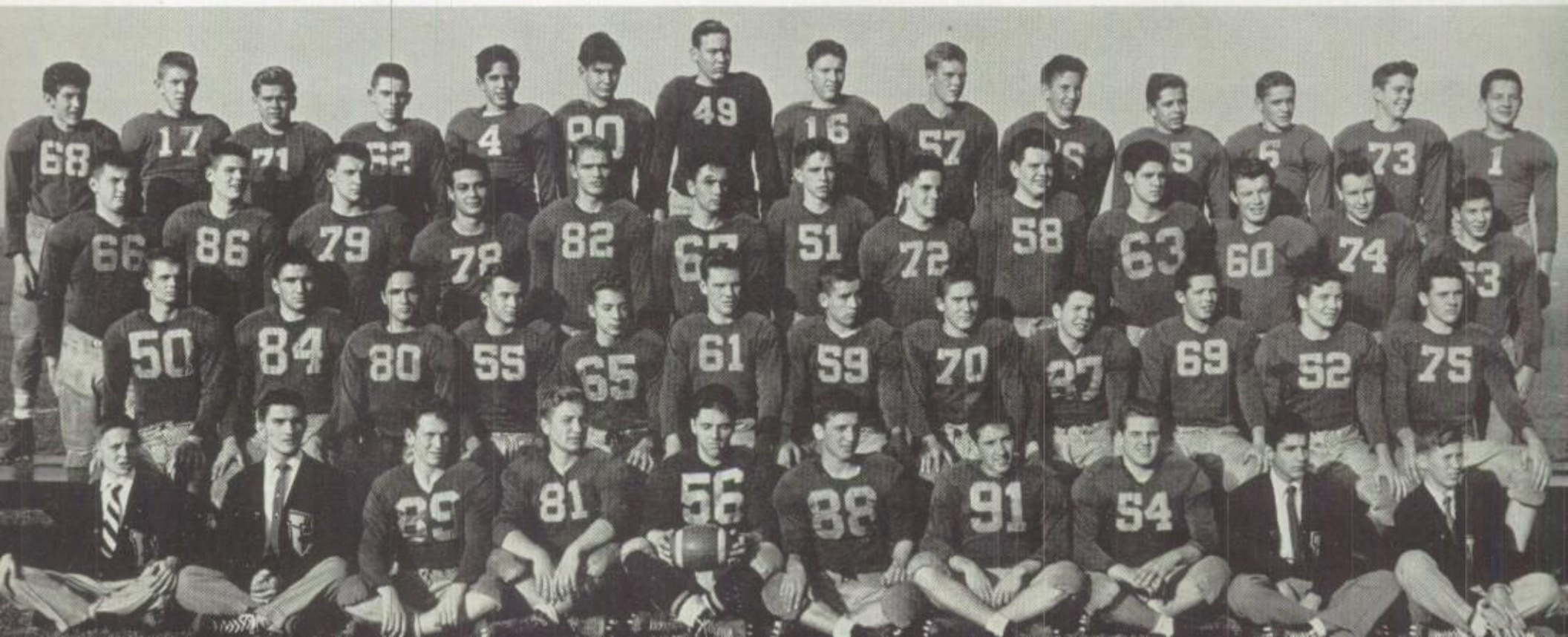
*Coaches, Fr. Claude, Mr. Ewing, Frs. Canice, Maurice, Bede and Pirmin listen to Mr. Rafferty's plans.*

The laudable work of managers Al Cipriani, Fran Prezioso, Al Dotson, and Bill McNerney and the strong voices of Fred Allwein, Bob Larkin and Bob Bartlett leading the Prep cheers made the 1953 football season a lively one, even though victory on the gridiron was infrequent.

The team centered around the 1953 Arthur J. Rooney Trophy winner, Gene Grimm. Gene held the team together, and showed his "never die" spirit even in the face of defeat. His running, passing, and rugged defensive work proved Gene to be possibly one of the outstanding players in the Prep's history.

Ron Sanzi also proved to be a great asset to the team through his defensive ability. On offense, Terry Kiggins, Andy Puglise, Ron Raichle, Dave Connolly, and Gene Citrone displayed their ball-carrying and pass-receiving abilities by picking up many first downs.

The opponents found it rough going because of the iron defense of Romanik, Trumbower, Popson, O'Toole, Simmons,





were tested on the gridiron

Mr. Rafferty sends McConomy into the game.



Ludgate, and McCann who thwarted their attempts for extra yardage.

Although the Bearkittens did not crowd the win column, they gave evidence of form and physical fitness throughout their six-game schedule.

Each succeeding game found the squad showing definite improvement. Handling the boys for five practice sessions a week, Head Coach William Rafferty and his assistant coaches, Father Claude, Mr. Ewing and Father Canice, gave their full efforts in trying to train each man to produce his best.

The Prep eleven went down to defeat in their first game as Armagh stepped over them with a 26-0 win. In the second try with Derry Township, the Prep surprised a sell-out crowd with a perfect defense in the first quarter, but for the remainder of the contest Township led the way to a final score of 32-6.

Again in the Trafford game the Kittens displayed a remarkable defense, but the opposition were able to win by two touchdowns. A loss to Johnstown Catholic preceeded the Prep's first win when they handed Youngwood a 20-13 defeat.

In the final tilt of the season the Bearkittens met Derry Township for the second time. The Prep tried valiantly throughout the game, but the experienced Eagles proved a little too much for them.

#### VARSITY TEAM:

*First Row*—Mgrs. McInerney and Cipriani, McConomy, Labys, G. Grimm, P. Policastro, Walker, McCann, Mgrs. Prezioso and Dotson.

*Second Row* — Connolly, Puglise, Kiggins, Whalen, Shaughnessy, Menner, Smith, Kownacki, Trumbower, Kinney, Ward and Conroy.

*Third Row* — T. Romanik, Simmons, Hofrichter, B. Keaney, Schnupp, Citrone, B. Rafferty, Dankmyer, Ludgate, Ron Sanzi, Raichle, McCandless and Englehart.

*Fourth Row* — Fafone, Walsh, J. Keaney, Martin, Buzzi, G. Stephen, Pastorius, Paterno, Johnston, Erneste, Swieczkowski, Ruhl, D. Rafferty and Valyo.

MR. WILLIAM RAFFERTY  
Coach



*Best Wishes & Good Luck  
in all your undertakings  
Wm Rafferty*



# football

*We learned sportsmanship through action on the field*



Contrast of emotions  
Injury  
Contemplation

Block tackle  
End around

Let's go!  
Anxiety  
The "Big Train"





Half-time Action

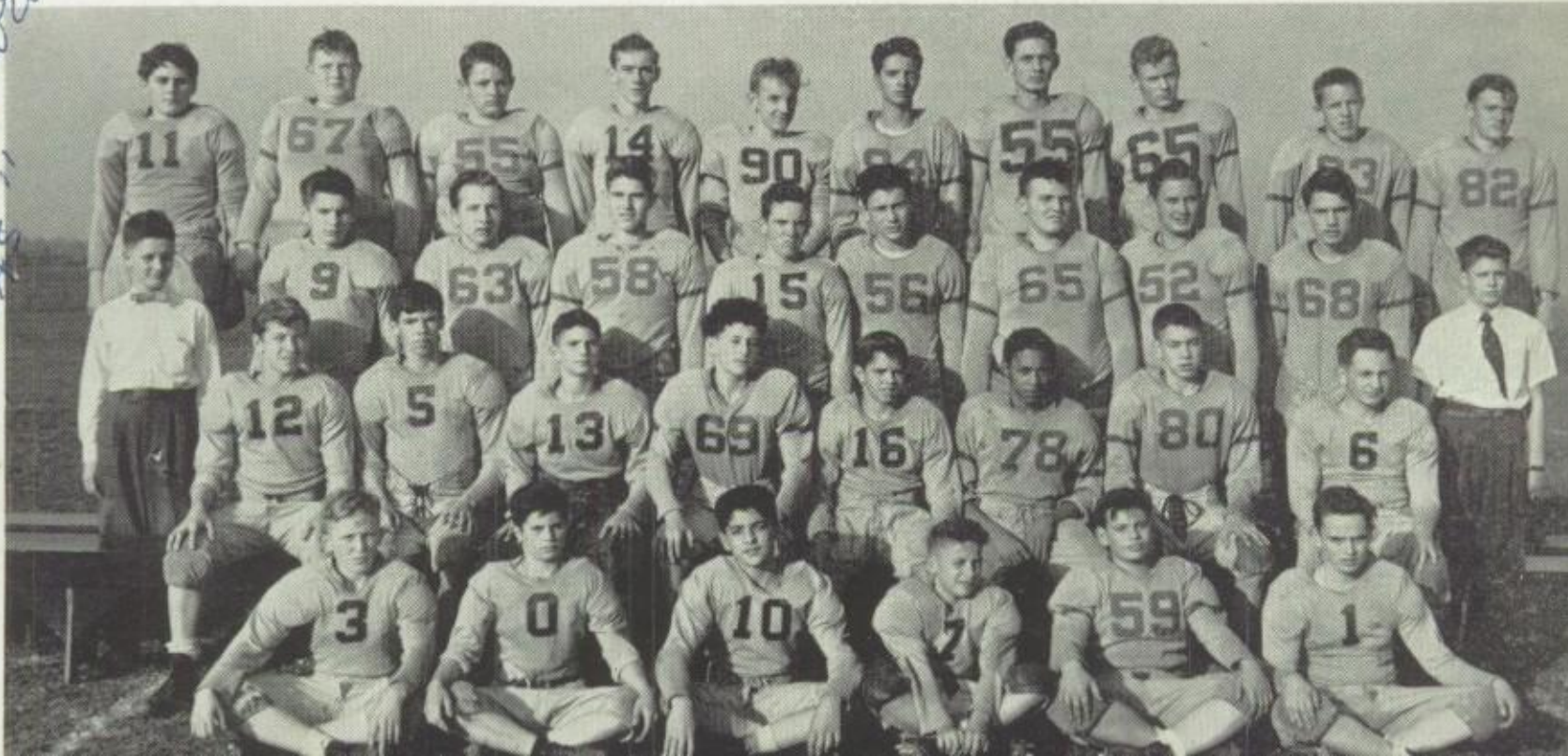
The Junior Varsity squad this year consisted mostly of sophomores. Coached by Father Canice and Father Bede, the season record showed one win, three losses, and a tie. The Puppies scored a win over Derry Township, lost to the Perry-Atoms, the Hurst Hurricanes and Derry Township, and then battled to a scoreless tie with Harold Junior High. Outstanding on the team were Keaney, Smith, Drake, Martin, Menner, Fafone, and Kownacki.

The Freshmen received extensive training this year by Mr. Ewing and Father Maurus. In their first game, the Pussies rolled over Holy Family of Latrobe, then lost the next to Mt. Pleasant. Then they lost again, this time to the Morningside Bulldogs. In their last game they defeated the Blessed Sacrament Cathedral School of Greensburg.

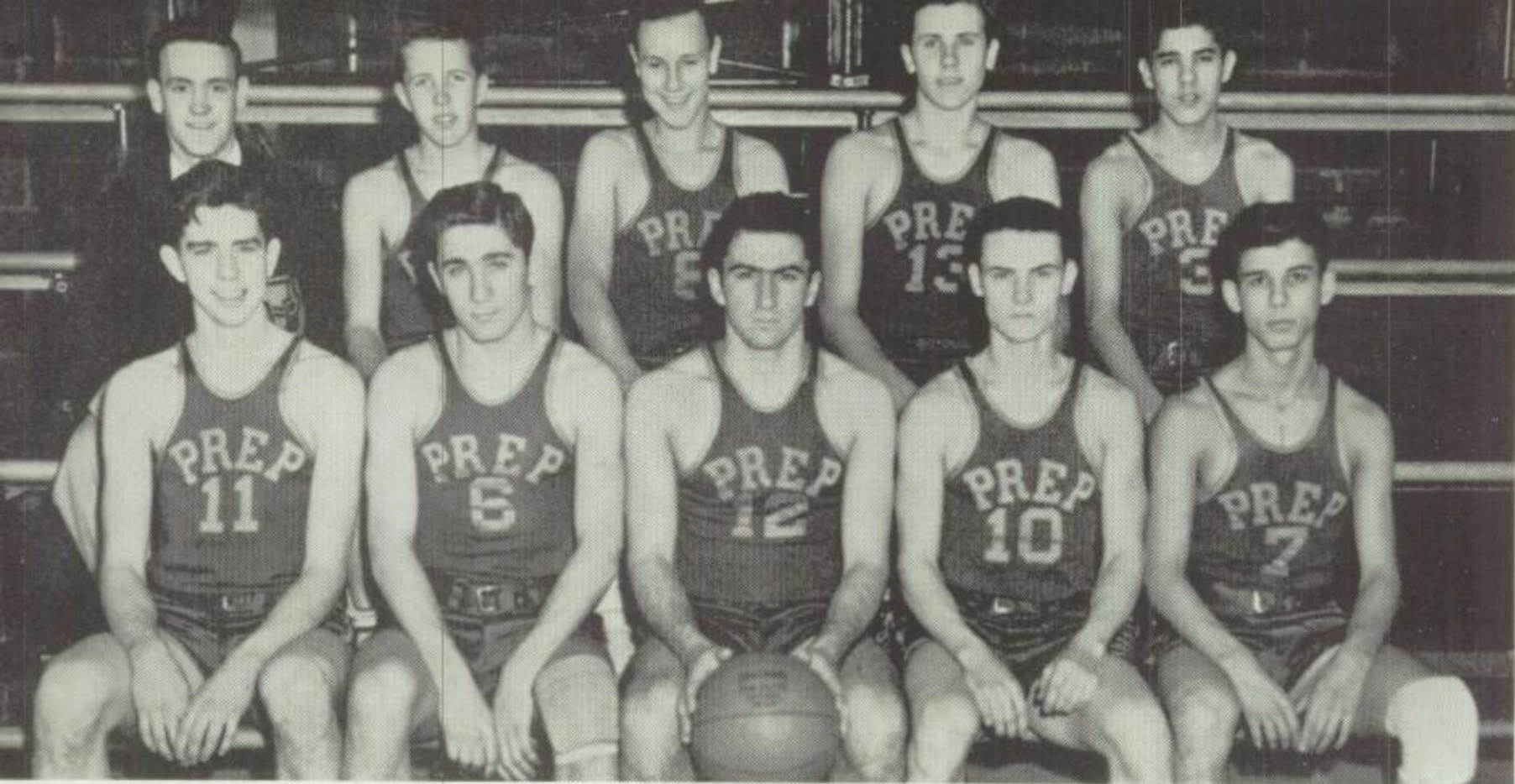
The young men who upheld the honor of the Freshmen this year will be an asset to next year's varsity and junior varsity.

#### FRESHMAN TEAM

*First Row* — J. Glass, Cozza, Alessandro, Luffy, D'Alessandro, Halligan.  
*Second Row* — J. Romanik, Ruble, Del Costello, Kempner, Lang, Grady, Briercheck, O'Connell.  
*Third Row* — Dudek, mgr.; Melliand, Griffin, Patts, M. McShane, Rishell, Gayvert, T. Keaney, Oesterle, and mgr. Dettis.  
*Fourth Row* — Kanyok, Niccols, Mastrorocco, Fay, Pursley, Tessorerie, Ziviello, Buessem, Loughran, Mann.







First Row—B. Rafferty, Kownacki, Puglise, Trench, Ray Sanzi.  
Second Row—Mgr. P. Larkin, Loughran, McCandless, Conroy, Prezioso.

## basketball

*We welcomed the opening of the new gym*



### 1953-54 Scores

#### Prep

45	.....Derry Boro.....	65
53	..... Derry Township .....	63
56	..... Scottdale .....	79
36	..... Hurst .....	45
47	.....Masontown-All Saints.....	26
54	..... Derry Boro .....	77
42	..... Hurst .....	47
37	.....Johnstown Catholic .....	52
44	.... Immaculate Conception ....	30
32	..... Johnstown Catholic .....	51
39	..... Mount Pleasant .....	37
66	.....Masontown-All Saints.....	41
35	..... Derry Township .....	40
36	..... Jeannette .....	59
73	.....Immaculate Conception .....	40

Father Archabbot welcomes the crowd at the opening of the new gym.



This year's basketball team showed much "hustle" and spirit. The new gym was not finished when expected and the squad was faced once more with the problem of having to use the inadequate facilities of the old gym for the greater part of the season.

Coach Rafferty had to build the team around his only two returning lettermen, Andy Puglise and Ron Sanzi. The team had to work against top opposition, but even then, the boys seemed to match these tough odds and lost several games by a very few points.

Andy Puglise sparked the team continuously with his fast ball-handling, shooting, and board control. In the key position, Ron Sanzi showed expert shooting and Mike Trench, with his timely set shots, worked effectively out front. Fran Prezioso, who had an accurate one-handed push, moved well on the defense. Next year's season should prove profitable, with the return of Ray Sanzi, Rick Conroy, Dave Drake, Ken McCandless and Sid Beauchamp.

Top left, B. Rafferty; Top center, Prezioso; Top right, Sanzi; Bottom left, Puglise; Bottom center, Trench; Bottom right, McCandless.





# minor basketball

*Tomorrow's varsity men learned for the future*



Crowd at opening game  
Rafferty and Beauchamp go after the ball.

Puglise goes up for the ball  
Bob Prince acting as master of ceremonies at the  
dedication of the new gym.

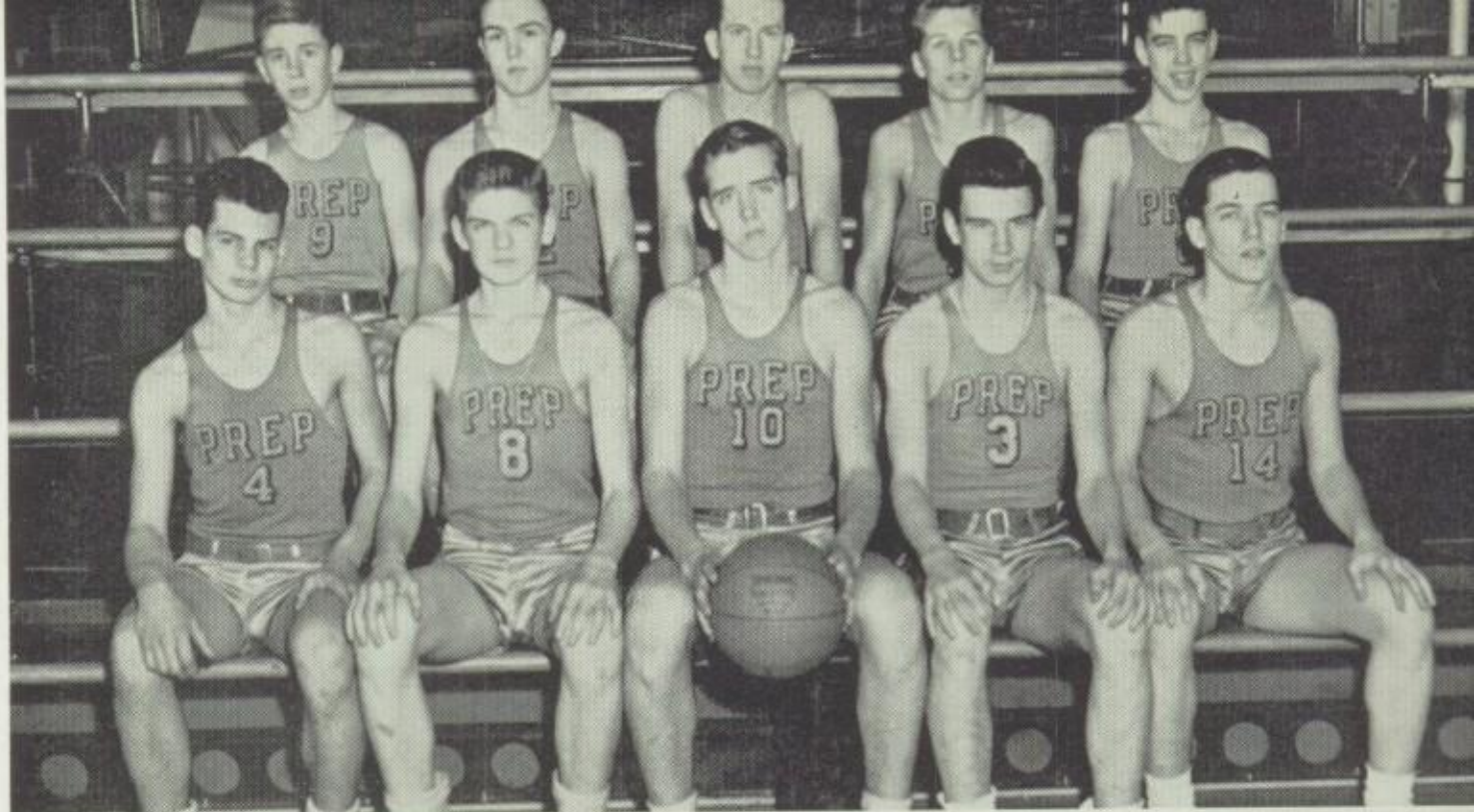


To Preschie:  
 A real cool kid.  
 Al Dotson  
 Junior Varsity

First Row: — Fryer, Winkle,  
 Jordan, G. Stephen and  
 Thurin.

Second row:—Dotson, Drake,  
 Hill, Edelen, and D. Raf-  
 erty.

Lots of luck  
 in the future  
 Dave  
 Drake



## Freshman Team

First row:—Buësem, Walker,  
 Griffin, Tessorerie, J. Rom-  
 anik.

Second row: — Gilmartin,  
 Oesterle, T. Keaney, Kan-  
 yok, O'Connell and Ales-  
 sandro.



This year the Prep Junior Varsity and Freshmen basketball teams had fair success. The J.V.'s, coached by Father Claude, finished their season with six wins and five losses. Leading the attack for this year's team were Drake, Fryer, and Stephen. The squad displayed very aggressive spirit and played their best regardless of the outcome of the game. When one considers the fine teamwork and cooperation of these boys, one can readily see that next year's varsity will hold the name of the Prep high on the hardwood.

The Freshmen team, although many of the boys lacked real experience in the sport, proved that they too could find a spot in the basketball limelight. The team was coached by Father Bede. The main strength of the team was in their high-scorer and rebounder, Walker, and the play-maker and ball-handler, O'Connell. Others who showed ability were Alessandro and Kanyok.

The team finished its season with a five and five record. The season came to a close when the Frosh yielded to the Junior Scholastics 39 to 28.

With the potential that these two squads have shown, the Prep can expect some great basketball seasons in the next few years.

A good friend  
 Best luck  
 in your future  
 you



# baseball



FATHER CANICE

*We looked forward to spring . . .  
and fast plays on the new diamond*

This year, for the first time since the building program began, the Prep Baseball Team has been able to play on a home field.

With returning seniors, Rick Janci, Dick Kalisky, Andy Puglise, and Ron Raichle, Father Canice, the coach, has been working to field a well balanced squad. Along with these "sluggers," Dave Drake and Phil Sass have shown fine ability.

A strong battery is always an important factor in any team's success, and this year Bill Stillwagon, John Stephan, and Tom Patts comprised the throwing end, while Jack Martin and Drew Ward received.

Father Pirmin, the Athletic Director, scheduled games with the toughest competitors available. Games billed were with Hurst, Youngwood, Kiski, Irwin, and the Scholastics.

Until this time two games have been played leaving the Prep with one victory and one loss. Hurst defeated the Prep by a score of 24-2. On the homefront, the Prep defeated Youngwood in a hard-fought game 3-2.

With many younger boys on the squad this season and the new diamond the Prep is fast re-developing its baseball program.

*to Frenchy  
A good kid  
with a swell  
future: Marty*

Pre-game conversation between John Stephan, Steve Blatnica, and Jack Martin.

The Prep reserves watching the outcome of the game with Hurst.

Father Canice chats with returning lettermen Dick Kalisky and Rick Janci.

Andy Puglise, Bob Simmons and Ron Raichle come in from baseball practice.

Getting set to bat are Tom Patts and Fred Walker, while Henry Dudek, mgr., watches the game.







Father Julian confers with Field and Stream officers, J. Keaney, Dankmyer and McConomy. Sauers, Dotson, Smith, Davis, and Valyo return from a fishing trip.

Father Julian discusses coming events with Field and Stream captains, Baker, Scheib, R. Glass and Buzzi.

Participating in outdoor activity are Mericsko, R. Glass, Pastorius, and Neuser.

## field and stream

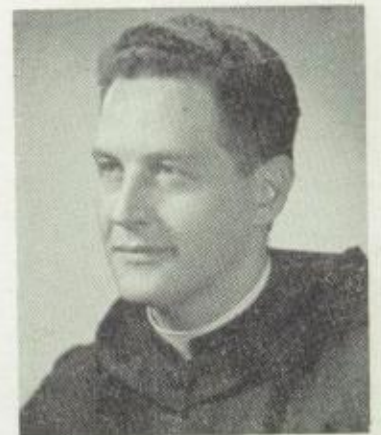
*Recreation in the great outdoors gave us an appreciation of nature*

Fishing, trapping, and conservation are the chief projects of the Field and Stream Club. During the past year, under the able guidance of Father Julian, the moderator, and the officers, Fred Dankmyer, John Keaney, Bert McConomy, and George Valyo, the club did much to further its good work.

The winter months were taken up by trapping. A total of forty muskrats were bagged and the club profited by the sale of the pelts. The leading trappers were Archie Ziviello, Miles Buzzi, Bob Glass, and Don Baker.

Spring activities consisted of fishing and conservation. George Valyo and Peter Pontzer put in the most time on the rod and reel sport.

The club planted trees and shrubs about the campus and built a picnic site on the edge of the golf course. Frank Smith did a very effective job leading the conservationists. A picnic in the latter part of May rounded out a very good year for the outdoor men.



FATHER JULIAN



# physical

## Gymnastics



Some of the senior 4-A group enjoy a game of "Buck-Buck" in phy. ed. class.



Mr. Ewing shown with his St. Patrick's Day boxers: kneeling, Menner, E. Grimm, Catanzaro, Luffy, McInerney, and T. Policastro; standing are Plasmier, McCann, Hofrichter, Metzger, Maruca, Walsh, P. Policastro, G. Grimm, Kiggins, and Mr. Ewing.



Mr. Ewing gives a pointer to Mike Trench during one of the weight-lifting instruction periods.



A group of 4-B seniors form a pyramid.



# education

and Mr. Ewing add new life to the Prep sports program



Mr. Ewing congratulates John Catanzaro as the outstanding boxer of the Prep.

Under the direction of Mr. William Ewing, the Prep offered a vastly improved physical education program this year.

Mr. Ewing has many objectives in mind. Foremost are the acquiring of physical skills and the knowledge of how to play various sports. In the classroom the students were taught the rules of the major sports and the various phases of them. Then the intramural and varsity sports programs gave the boys the opportunity to put what they had learned into practice.

Weightlifting, various track sports, and boxing were also a part of the physical education program. The last provided a most interesting St. Patrick's Eve entertainment as Prep boxers ranging from the ninety-pound class up to light heavy-weight sparred with each other in a series of three-round matches.

Perhaps the most valuable part of Mr. Ewing's instruction lies in the valuable lessons in avoiding injuries which the students gain from the proper training and know-how in the various sports.

To Frenchy  
Mr. Ewing



MR. EWING





Father Ronald shows the technique of keeping score to housemen Citrone, Houston, Pellegrin, Metzger, Gaffney and Jacquet.

## intramurals

*enabled all students to  
participate in sports*

Whether it be that of the underdog attempting to surge ahead or the favorite striving to remain on top, the will to win is the spirit which has prevailed in the competitive sports of our Intramural League.

In basketball the champs of the Freshman League were the "Happy Hounds" captained by Archie Ziviello. Top scoring honors went to Ray Fox with 77 points. In the Sophomore League the victors are the "Blats" led by Steve Blatnica. High scorer was Phil Murray with 48 points.

Leading his team to victory with 96 points, Mathias helped edge out Ernest's team in the bitterly contested playoffs of the Junior League. Pappert's "Too Muchers" were too much for their zealous competitors in the senior circuit. McShane and Bauer were top tallymen with 104 and 90 respectively.

In the Scholastic League Murrman's team captured the Junior title while McDonald's team were Senior champs. Vargo was high scorer with 97 points.

Among the Intramural bowlers Gliganic's "Giants" outscored the Larkin "Midgets" in the three game playoff to win the championship. Father Bede had the highest average with 155 followed by Stillwagon with 152.

*Left*—Winners of the dayhop bowling league are Mastro-rocco, Knott, Hamill and Houston.

*Right*—The bowling champs are Kownacki, Mericksko, Scheib, Gliganic and Thel. Father Bede missing from picture.

*Left* — Senior Scholastic Basketball champs: Roth-ert, Zelachoski, McDonald, Petroy and Evansic.

*Right* — Junior Scholastic champs: A. Bobenreith, Salamacha, Ebaugh.

*Kneeling*—F. Murrman and R. Bobenreith.

*Standing* — Krug and Holtz.

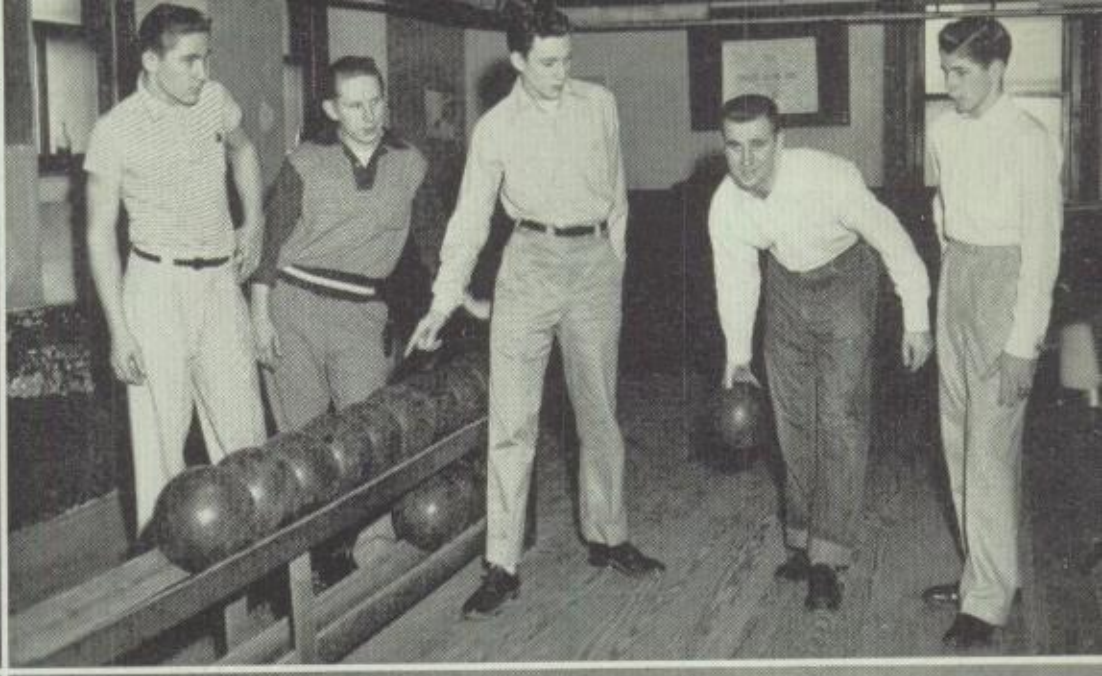
*Left* — Senior Basketball League champs: Kalisky, Maruca, Pappert, Plasmier, and Iozzi.

*Right* — Junior winners: Stillwagon, Evans, Mathias, Butticci and McInerney.

*Left* — Sophomore Hall champs: Skapik, Fafone, Gliganic and Freund.

*Right* — Benet Hall Champ-ions: Niccols, Dettis, D'Ales-sandro, Ziviello and Zac-caria.



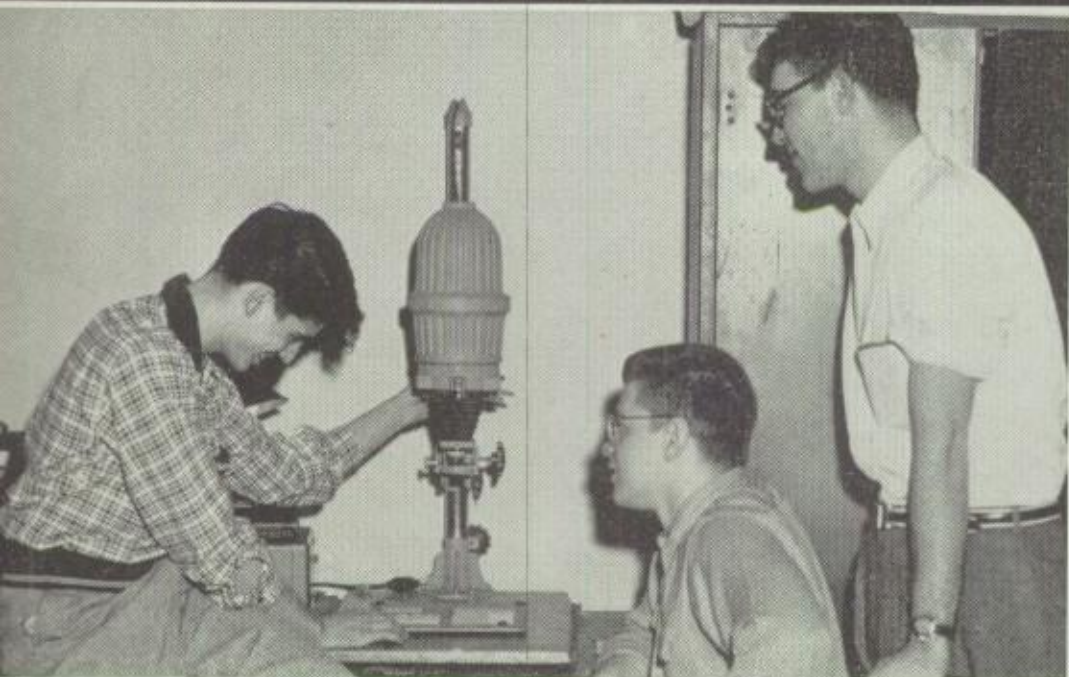






## our year

*Was an important milestone  
along the road of life*



The sophomores go to work at the books with the studytime bell.

John Murphy and Jude Stackpole enjoy a joke at the dinner table.

Bob Hughes and Jude Stackpole at their favorite hobby watching Dick Sanzi at the photo-developer.

Al Cipriani, Denise Crum and Lou Pellegrin watch as Lettie Lee Rohrbacher selects "Cuddle Me" at one of the dances.

Taking their turn for cleaning up the clubroom are Menner, Shaughnessy, Ward and Blatnica.

George Bullion shines his shoes for a night in town. Father Warren gives the much sought-after "home permission" card to Chuck Grady.





Brother Mark waits on Golier, Kalieta, Urdzik and Valentovich in the bookstore.

Fay, Kempner, D. Larkin, Drake, Gliganic, Martin, Watt and Ziviello prepare to serve another meal.

Fred Allwein practices for a coming recital.

Pete Luffy and Jack Halligan enjoy "the pause that refreshes."

Maranne Purcell and Ray Sanzi dancing as Patty Cornett seems to be saying to Tom Walsh, "I don't know about that!"

Preparing the Prep lunch are Sisters Marguerite, Pancratia, Monica and Brigitta.

Father Omer congratulates Bill Ruhl upon winning the current events contest at the Prep as runner-up Joe Buch looks on.



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